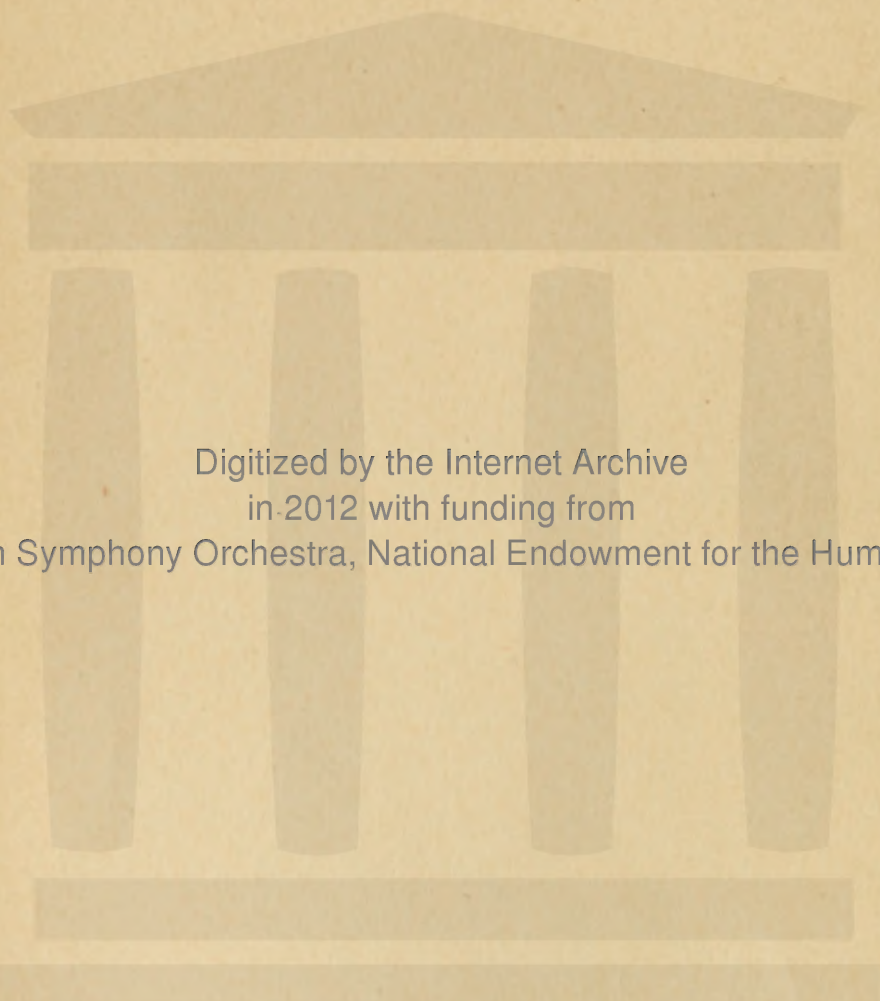






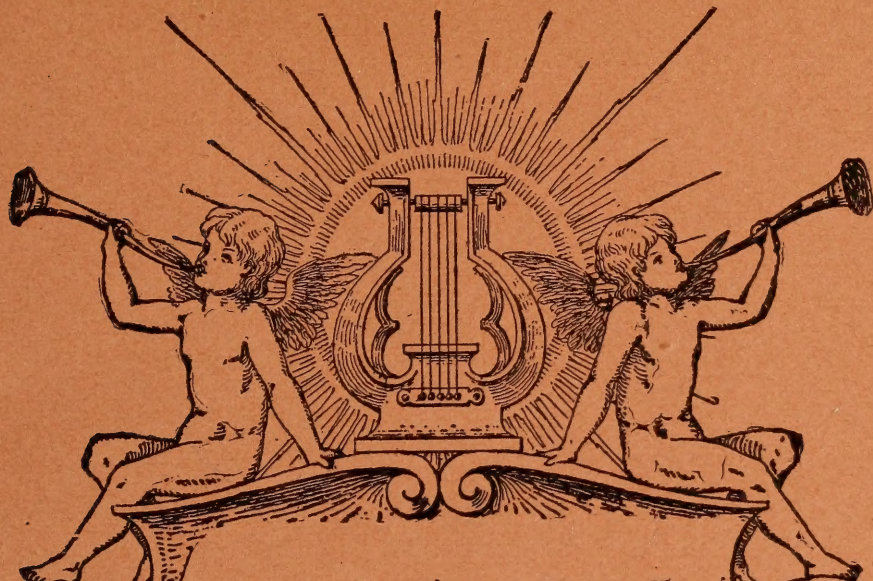
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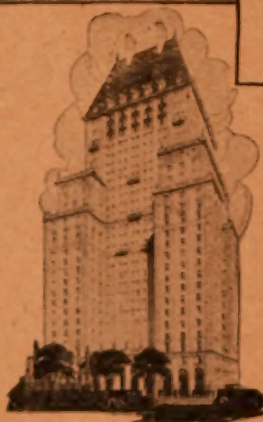




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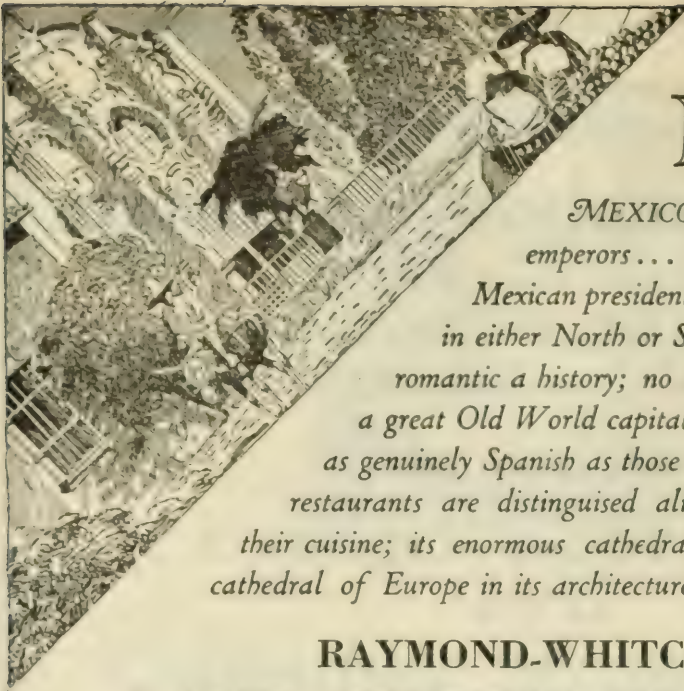
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OVERTURE TO "EGMONT," OP. 84 LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

This overture was composed in 1810; it was published in 1811. The music to Goethe's play—overture, four entr'actes, two songs sung by Clärchen, "Clärchen's Death," "Melodrama," and "Triumph Symphony" (identical with the coda of the overture) for the end of the play, nine numbers in all—was performed for the first time with the tragedy at the Hofburg Theater, Vienna, May 24, 1810. Antonie Adamberger was the Clärchen.

When Hartl took the management of the two Vienna Court theatres, January 1, 1808, he produced plays by Schiller. He finally determined to produce plays by Goethe and Schiller with music, and he chose Schiller's "Tell" and Goethe's "Egmont." Beethoven and Gyrowetz were asked to write the music. The former was anxious to compose the music for "Tell"; but, as Czerny tells the story, there were intrigues and, as "Egmont" was thought to be less suggestive to a composer, the music for that play was assigned to Beethoven. Gyrowetz's music to "Tell" was performed June 14, 1810. It was described by a correspondent of a Leipsic journal of music as "characteristic and written with intelligence." No allusion was made at the time anywhere to Beethoven's "Egmont."

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The overture is scored for two flutes (one interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, kettledrums and strings.

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What Beethoven thought of Goethe is well known. In 1809 he wrote to Breitkopf and Härtel: "Goethe and Schiller are my favorite poets, as also Ossian and Homer, the latter of whom, unfortunately,



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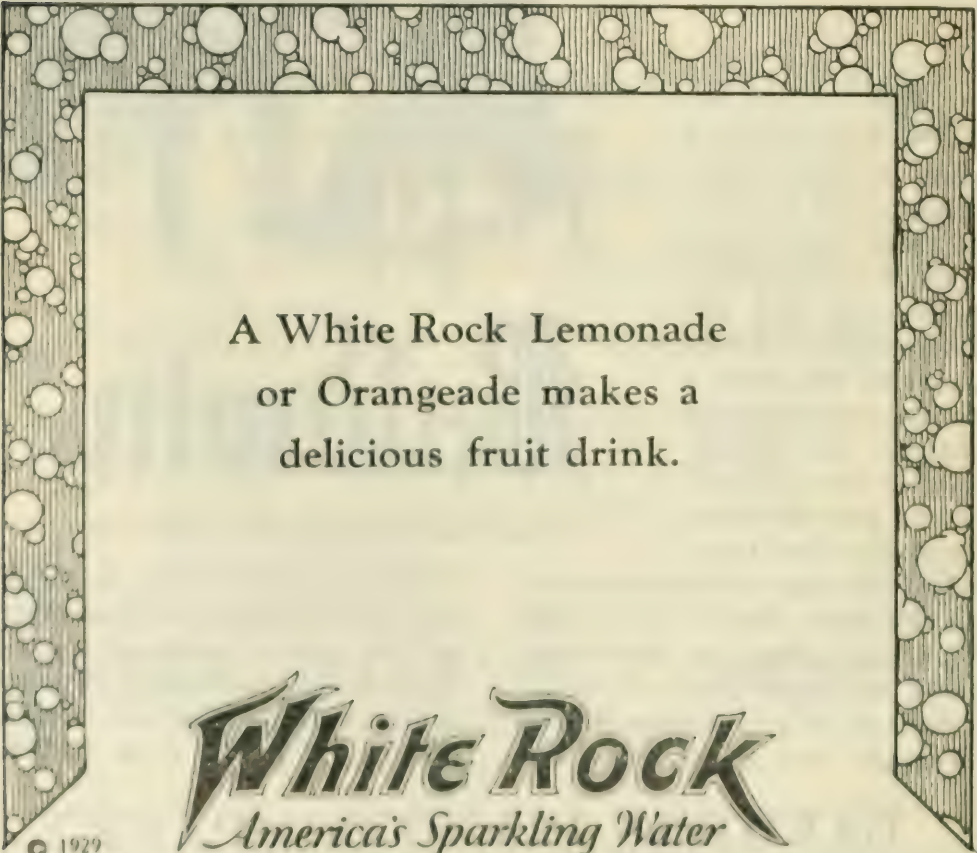
I can read only in translation." In 1811 he wrote to Bettina von Brentano: "When you write to Goethe about me, select all words which will express to him my inmost reverence and admiration. I am just on the point of writing to him about 'Egmont,' to which I have written the music, and indeed purely out of love for his poems which cause me happiness. Who can be sufficiently thankful for a great poet, the richest jewel of a nation? And now, no more, dear good B. I came back from a bacchanalian festival only at four o'clock this morning, at which, indeed, I was forced to laugh a great deal, with the result that I have to weep almost as much to-day. Noisy joy often drives me powerfully back into myself." This letter was dated February 10. On April 12 (1811) he wrote to Goethe:—

"Your Excellence:

"The pressing opportunity of a friend of mine, one of your great admirers (as I also am), who is leaving here" (Vienna) "in a great hurry, gives me only a moment to offer my thanks for the long time I have known you (for I know you from the days of my childhood)—that is very little for so much. Bettina Brentano has assured me that you would receive me in a kindly, yes, indeed, friendly spirit. But how could I think of such a reception, seeing that I am only in a position to approach you with the deepest reverence, with an inexpressibly deep feeling for your noble creations. You will shortly receive from Leipsic through Breitkopf and Härtel the music to 'Egmont,' this glorious 'Egmont,' with which I, with the same warmth with which I read it, was again through you impressed by it, and set it to music. I should much like to know your opinion of it; even blame will be profitable for me and for my art, and will be as willingly received as the greatest praise.

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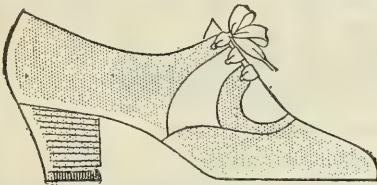
Goethe answered this letter at Carlsbad on June 25, 1811:—

“Your friendly letter, highly esteemed sir, I received to my great pleasure through Herr von Oliva. I am most thankful to you for the opinions expressed therein, and I assure you that I can honestly reciprocate them, for I have never heard one of your great works performed by skilful artists and amateurs without wishing that I could for once admire you at the pianoforte, and take delight in your extraordinary talent. The good Bettina Brentano really deserves the sympathy you have shown her. She speaks of you with rapture and the liveliest affection, and counts the hours she spent with you as the happiest of her life. The ‘Egmont’ music I shall probably find when I return home, and I thank you in advance—for I have already heard it spoken of in high terms by several persons, and I think I shall be able to give it this winter at our theatre, accompanied by the music in question; by this means I hope to prepare great enjoyment both for myself and for your numerous admirers in our parts. What, however, I most wish, is to have properly understood Herr Oliva, who held out the hope that in the course of a journey you propose to take that you might visit Weimar. May it take place when the court and the whole music-loving public is here. You would certainly meet with a reception in keeping with your merits and sentiments. But no one would take greater interest in it than I myself. I wish you farewell, beg you to keep me in kind remembrance, and offer you hearty thanks for the pleasure which through you I have often received.”

As we have seen, Goethe had much to say about his “Egmont” to Eckermann, but in the record of the conversations there is no allusion to Beethoven’s music for the play.

In 1822, Beethoven, remembering his talk with Goethe at Teplitz, where he met him for the first time in 1812, said to Rochlitz: “I would have gone to death, yes ten times to death, for Goethe. Then, when I was in the height of my enthusiasm, I thought out my ‘Egmont’ music. Goethe—he lives and wants us all to live with him. It is for that reason that he can be composed. Nobody is so easily composed as he. But I do not like to compose songs.” But the “Egmont” music had been composed and performed before the composer ever met the poet. Schindler said that Beethoven’s recollection of past events was always vague.

The story of Beethoven’s haughtiness and Goethe’s obsequiousness in the presence of the imperial court has often been related, but the



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authenticity of the letter in which Beethoven told the adventure to Bettina has been disputed.

Bottina wrote Pückler-Muskau an account of Goethe and Beethoven together at Teplitz, and spoke of the composer playing to the poet and deeply moving him. Albert Schaefer states calmly that Beethoven played the "Egmont" music to Goethe at Vienna, and that the latter did not value it, had no suspicion of its worth,—a statement for which we find no authority. This is certain, that in 1812 Beethoven said to Härtel: "Goethe is too fond of the atmosphere of the court; fonder than becomes a poet. There is little room for sport over the absurdities of the virtuosi, when poets, who ought to be looked upon as the foremost teachers of the nation, can forget everything else in the enjoyment of court glitter." It is also certain that Goethe cared little for Beethoven's music, that he did not mention his name in his memoirs; but in a letter to Zelter he wrote in 1812: "I made the acquaintance of Beethoven at Teplitz. His talent astonished me prodigiously, but he is, unfortunately, a wholly untamed person. It is true that he is not utterly wrong when he finds the world detestable, but this will not make it more enjoyable for himself or for others. Yet he is to be excused and much pitied, for he has lost his hearing, which perhaps is of less injury to his art than to his social relations. Already laconic by nature, he will be doubly so by reason of this infirmity."

When Mendelssohn visited Weimar in 1830, he endeavored to make Goethe appreciate Beethoven's music. Mendelssohn played to him music by Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Weber. The poet enjoyed especially an overture by Bach. "How pompous and stately it is!" exclaimed Goethe: "I imagine a procession of noble persons in festal dress, going down the steps of a grand staircase!" But Mendelssohn recognized Goethe's antipathy towards Beethoven's music. He played to him the first movement of the Symphony in C minor. It made a singular impression on Goethe, who began by saying: "This music produces only astonishment; it does not move one at all; it is

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grandiose." He muttered some words, and after a long silence said: "It is very great and indeed astonishing; one is tempted to say that the house is about to crumble into pieces; but what would happen if all men together should set themselves to playing it?"

Goethe, who likened music to architecture, drew a singular parallel between Napoleon Bonaparte and Hummel. "Napoleon treats the world as Hummel his pianoforte. In each instance the manner of treatment seems impossible; we understand the one as little as the other, and yet no one can deny the effects. The grandeur of Napoleon consists in being the same at any hour. . . . He was always in his element, always equal to the emergency, just as Hummel is never embarrassed, whether he has to play an adagio or an allegro. This facility is found wherever real talent exists, in the arts of peace as in those of war, at the pianoforte as behind a battery."

"MA MÈRE L'OYE," 5 PIÈCES ENFANTINES ("MOTHER GOOSE."* FIVE CHILDREN'S PIECES) JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure, Basses Pyrénées, March 7, 1875; now living near Paris)

These pieces were originally composed in 1908 for pianoforte (four hands), and for the pleasure of the children, Mimie and Jean Godebski, to whom they were dedicated when the pieces were published in 1910. They were first performed at a concert of the Société Musical Indépendante, Salle Gaveau, Paris, on April 20, 1910. The pianists were Christine Verger, six years old, and Germaine Duramy, ten years old.

1. Pavane of the Sleeping Beauty. Lent, A minor, 4-4. This movement is only twenty measures long. It is based on the opening phrase for flute, horns, and violas.

*Mother Goose in English does not tell fairy tales.—ED.

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II. "Hop o' my Thumb." Ravel has quoted in the score this passage from Perrault's tale: "He believed that he would easily find his path by the means of his bread crumbs which he had scattered wherever he had passed; but he was very much surprised when he could not find a single crumb: the birds had come and eaten everything up."

III. "Laideronnette, Empress of the Pagodes." The French give the name "pagode" to a little grotesque figure with a movable head, and thus extend the meaning, which was also found in English for pagoda, "an idol or image." This latter use of the word is now obsolete in the English language. A "laideron" is any ugly young girl or young woman. There is this quotation from "Serpentin Vert" by the Countess Marie Catherine d'Aulnoy (about 1655-1705) who wrote romances and also fairy tales in imitation of Perrault. "She undressed herself and went into the bath. The pagodes and pagodines began to sing and play on instruments; some had theorbos made of walnut shells; some had viols made of almond shells; for they were obliged to proportion the instruments to their figure." Laideronnette in the story, the daughter of a king and queen, was cursed in her cradle by Magotine, a wicked fairy, with the curse of the most horrible ugliness. When the princess grew up, she asked that she might dwell far away in a castle where no one could see her. In the forest near by she met a huge green serpent, who told her that he was once handsomer than she was. Laideronnette had many adventures. In a little boat, guarded by the serpent, she went out to sea, and was wrecked on the coast of a land inhabited by pagodes, a little folk whose bodies were formed from porcelain, crystal, diamonds, emeralds, etc. The ruler was an unseen monarch,—the green snake who also had been enchanted by

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"Yes, I have, indeed, a kind heart; but I am a monster."

"There are many men more monstrous than you."

"If I had wit, I would invent a fine compliment to thank you, but I am only a beast."

"Beauty, will you be my wife?"

"No, Beast!"

"I die content since I have the pleasure of seeing you again."

"No, my dear Beast, you shall not die; you shall live to be my husband!"

The Beast had disappeared, and she saw at her feet only a prince more beautiful than Love, who thanked her for having broken his enchantment.

Mouvement de Valse très modéré, F major, 3-4. This movement is based chiefly on a melody for the clarinet, which begins in the second measure. There is a middle section with a subject suggesting the Beast and given to the double bassoon. The two subjects are combined. At the end, a solo violin plays the theme of the middle section.

V. "The Fairy Garden." Lent et grave, C major, 3-4. The movement is based on the opening theme for strings.



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was produced at a Gürzenich concert at Cologne, November 5, 1895.
It was composed in 1894-95 at Munich, and the score was com-
pleted there, May 6, 1895. The score and parts were published in
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There has been dispute concerning the proper translation of the
phrase, "nach alter Schelmenweise," in the title. Some, and Mr.
Apthorp was one of them, translate it "after an old rogue's tune."
Others will not have this at all, and prefer "after the old,—or old-
fashioned,—roguish manner," or, as Mr. Krehbiel suggested, "in the
style of old-time waggery," and this view is in all probability the
sounder. It is hard to twist "Schelmenweise" into "rogue's tune."
"Schelmenstück," for instance, is "a knavish trick," a "piece of
roguery." As Mr. Krehbiel well said: "The reference [*Schelmen-
weise*] goes, not to the thematic form of the phrase, but to its struc-
ture. This is indicated, not only by the grammatical form of the
phrase but also by the parenthetical explanation: 'in Rondo form.'
What connection exists between roguishness, or waggishness, and
the rondo form it might be difficult to explain. The roguish wag in
this case is Richard Strauss himself, who, besides putting the puzzle
into his title, refused to provide the composition with even the
smallest explanatory note which might have given a clue to its
contents." It seems to us that the puzzle in the title is largely

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imaginary. There is no need of attributing any intimate connection between "roguish manner" and "rondo form."

Till (or Tyll) Eulenspiegel is the hero of an old *Volksbuch* of the fifteenth century attributed to Dr. Thomas Murner (1475-1530). Till is supposed to be a wandering mechanic of Brunswick, who plays all sorts of tricks, practical jokes,—some of them exceedingly coarse,—on everybody, and he always comes out ahead. In the book, Till (or Till Owlglass, as he is known in the English translation) goes to the gallows, but he escapes through an exercise of his ready wit, and dies peacefully in bed, playing a sad joke on his heirs, and refusing to lie still and snug in his grave. Strauss kills him on the scaffold. The German name is said to find its derivation in an old proverb: "Man sees his own faults as little as a monkey or an owl recognizes his ugliness in looking into a mirror."

When Dr. Franz Wüllner, who conducted the first performance at Cologne, asked the composer for an explanatory programme of the "poetical intent" of the piece, Strauss replied: "It is impossible for me to furnish a programme to 'Eulenspiegel'; were I to put into words the thoughts which its several incidents suggested to me, they would seldom suffice, and might even give rise to offence. Let me leave it, therefore, to my hearers to crack the hard nut which the Rogue has prepared for them. By way of helping them to a better understanding, it seems sufficient to point out the two 'Eulenspiegel' motives, which, in the most manifold disguises, moods, and situations, pervade the whole up to the catastrophe, when, after he has been condemned to death, Till is strung up to the gibbet. For the rest, let them guess at the musical joke which a Rogue has offered them." Strauss indicated in notation three motives,—the opening

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theme of the introduction, the horn theme that follows almost immediately, and the descending interval expressive of condemnation and the scaffold.

Certain German critics were not satisfied with Strauss's meagre clue, and they at once began to evolve labored analyses. One of these programmes, the one prepared by Wilhelm Klatte, was published in the *Allgemeine Musik-Zeitung* of November 8, 1895, and frequently in programme books in Germany and England, in some cases with Strauss's sanction.* The translation is, for the most part, by C. A. Barry:—

A strong sense of German folk-feeling (*des Volksthümlichen*) pervades the whole work; the source from which the tone-poet drew his inspiration is clearly indicated in the introductory bars: *Gemächlich* (Andante comodo), F major, 4-8. To some extent this stands for the "once upon a time" of the story-books. That what follows is not to be treated in the pleasant and agreeable manner of narrative poetry, but in a more sturdy fashion, is at once made apparent by a characteristic bassoon figure which breaks in *sforzato* upon the piano of the strings. Of equal importance for the development of the piece is the immediately following humorous horn theme (F major, 6-8). Beginning quietly and gradually becoming more lively, it is at first heard against a tremolo of the "divided" violins and then again in the tempo primo, *Sehr lebhaft* (Vivace). This theme, or at least the kernel of it, is taken up in turn by oboes, clarinets, violas, violoncellos, and bassoons, and is finally brought by the full orchestra, except trumpets and trombones, after a few bars, *crescendo*, to a dominant half-close fortissimo in C. The thematic material, according to the main point, has now been fixed upon; the *milieu* is given, by which we are enabled to recognize the pranks and droll tricks which the crafty schemer is about to bring before our eyes, or, far rather, before our ears.

Here he is (clarinet phrase followed by chord for wind instruments). He wanders through the land as a thoroughgoing adventurer. His clothes are tattered and torn: a queer, fragmentary version of the Eulenspiegel motive resounds from the horns. Following a merry play with this important leading motive, which directly leads to a short but brilliant tutti, in which it again asserts itself, first in the flutes, and then finally merges into a softly murmuring and extended tremolo for the violas, this same motive, gracefully phrased, reappears in succession in the basses, flute, first violins, and again in the basses. The rogue, putting on his best manners, slyly passes through the gate, and enters a certain city. It is market-day; the women sit at their stalls and prattle (flutes, oboes, and clarinets). Hop! Eulenspiegel springs on his horse (indicated by rapid triplets extending through three measures, from the low D of the bass clarinet to the highest A of the D clarinet), gives a smack of his whip, and rides into the midst of the crowd. Clink, clash, clatter! A confused sound of broken pots and pans, and the market-women are put to flight! In haste the rascal rides

*It has been stated that Strauss gave Wilhelm Mauke a programme of this rondo to assist Mauke in writing his "Führer," or elaborate explanation of the composition.

away (as is admirably illustrated by a fortissimo passage for the trombones) and secures a safe retreat.

This was his first merry prank; a second follows immediately: *Gemächlich* (*Andanté comodo*), F major, 2-4. Eulenspiegel has put on the vestments of a priest, and assumes a very unctuous mien. Though posing as a preacher of morals, the rogue peeps out from the folds of his mantle (the Eulenspiegel motive on the clarinet points to the imposture). He fears for the success of his scheme. A figure played by muted violins, horns, and trumpets makes it plain that he does not feel comfortable in his borrowed plumes. But soon he makes up his mind. Away with all scruples! He tears them off (solo violin, glissando).

Again the Eulenspiegel theme is brought forward in the previous lively tempo, 6-8, but is now subtly metamorphosed and chivalrously colored. Eulenspiegel has become a Don Juan, and he waylays pretty women. And one has bewitched him: Eulenspiegel is in love! Hear how now, glowing with love, the violins, clarinets, and flutes sing. But in vain. His advances are received with derision, and he goes away in a rage. How can one treat him so slightly? Is he not a splendid fellow? Vengeance on the whole human race! He gives vent to his rage (in a fortissimo of horns in unison, followed by a pause), and strange personages suddenly draw near (violoncellos). A troop of honest, worthy Philistines! In an instant all his anger is forgotten. But it is still his chief joy to make fun of these lords and protectors of blameless decorum, to mock them, as is apparent from the lively and accentuated fragments of the theme, sounded at the beginning by the horn, which are now heard first from horns, violins, violoncellos, and then from trumpets, oboes, and flutes. Now that Eulenspiegel has had his joke, he goes away and leaves the professors and doctors behind in thoughtful meditation. Fragments of the typical theme of the Philistines are here treated canonically. The wood-wind, violins, and trumpets suddenly project the Eulenspiegel theme into their profound philosophy. It is as though the transcendent rogue were

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making faces at the bigwigs from a distance—again and again—and then waggishly running away. This is aptly characterized by a short episode (A-flat) in a hopping, 2-4 rhythm, which, similarly with the first entrance of the Hypocrisy theme previously used, is followed by phantom-like tones from the wood-wind and strings and then from trombones and horns. Has our rogue still no foreboding?

Interwoven with the very first theme, indicated lightly by trumpets and English horn, a figure is developed from the second introductory and fundamental theme. It is first taken up by the clarinets; it seems to express the fact that the arch-villain has again got the upper hand of Eulenspiegel, who has fallen into his old manner of life. If we take a formal view, we have now reached the repetition of the chief theme. A merry jester, a born liar, Eulenspiegel goes wherever he can succeed with a hoax. His insolence knows no bounds. Alas! there is a sudden jolt to his wanton humor. The drum rolls a hollow roll; the jailer drags the rascally prisoner into the criminal court. The verdict "guilty" is thundered against the brazen-face knave. The Eulenspiegel theme replies calmly to the threatening chords of wind and lower strings. Eulenspiegel lies. Again the threatening tones resound; but Eulenspiegel does not confess his guilt. On the contrary he lies for the third time. His jig is up. Fear seizes him. The Hypocrisy motive is sounded piteously; the fatal moment draws near; his hour has struck! The descending leap of a minor seventh in bassoons, horns, trombones, tuba, betokens his death. He has danced in air. A last struggle (flutes), and his soul takes flight.

After sad, tremulous pizzicati of the strings, the epilogue begins. At first it is almost identical with the introductory measures, which are repeated in full; then the most essential parts of the second and third chief-theme passages appear, and finally merge into the soft chord of the sixth on A-flat, while wood-wind and violins sustain. Eulenspiegel has become a legendary character. The people tell their tales about him: "Once upon a time . . ." But

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that he was a merry rogue and a real devil of a fellow seems to be expressed by the final eight measures, full orchestra, fortissimo.

Such is Wilhelm Klatte's explanation of the poetic contents of Strauss's rondo, and though the composer may smile in his sleeve and whisper to himself, "Not a bit like it!" he never publicly contradicted Mr. Klatte.

The rondo, dedicated to Dr. Arthur Seidl, is scored for piccolo, three flutes, three oboes, English horn, small clarinet in D, two clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns (with the addition of four horns *ad lib.*), three trumpets (with three additional trumpets *ad lib.*), three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, snare-drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, a watchman's rattle, strings.

SYMPHONY No. 5, C MINOR, Op. 67 . . . LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

Beethoven sketched motives of the allegro, andante, and scherzo of this symphony as early as 1800 and 1801. We know from sketches that while he was at work on "Fidelio" and the pianoforte concerto in G major,—1804–1806,—he was also busied with this symphony, which he put aside to compose the fourth symphony, in B-flat.

The symphony in C minor was finished in the neighborhood of Heiligenstadt in 1807. Dedicated to the Prince von Lobkowitz and the Count Rasumovsky, it was published in April, 1809.

It was first performed at the Theater an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. All the pieces were by Beethoven; the symphony described on the programme as "A symphony entitled 'Recollections of Life in the Country,' in F major, No. 5" (*sic*); an Aria, "Ah, perfido," sung by Josephine Kilitzky; Hymn with Latin text written in church style with chorus and solos; Pianoforte Concerto in G major, played by Beethoven; Grand Symphony in C minor, No. 6 (*sic*); Sanctus, with Latin text written in church style (from the Mass in C major), with chorus and solos; Fantasia for pianoforte solo; Fantasia for pianoforte "into which the full orchestra enters little by little, and at the end the chorus joins in the Finale." Beethoven played the pianoforte part. The concert began at half-past six. We know nothing about the pecuniary result.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, strings; and in the last movement piccolo, double-bassoon, and three trombones are added.

This symphony was performed in Boston at an Academy concert as early as November 27, 1841.

Other first performances: London, April 15, 1816, Philharmonic Society; Paris, April 13, 1828, Société des Concerts; Leningrad, March 23, 1859; Rome, November 9, 1877; Madrid, 1878.

The fifth symphony was the opening number of the first concert of the Philharmonic Society of New York, December 7, 1842. U. L. Hill conducted the symphony.

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Tchaikovsky . . . Symphony No. 6 in B minor, "Pathetic," Op. 74
I. Adagio; Allegro non troppo.
II. Allegro con grazia.
III. Allegro molto vivace.
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CONCERTO GROSSO No. 10, IN D MINOR . . . GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL
(Born at Halle on February 23, 1685; died at London, April 14, 1759)

Handel's twelve grand concertos for strings were composed between September 29 and October 30, 1739. The tenth bears the date October 22. The London *Daily Post* of October 29, 1739, said: "This day are published proposals for printing by subscription, with His Majesty's royal license and protection, Twelve Grand Concertos, in Seven Parts, for four violins, a tenor, a violoncello, with a thorough-bass for the harpsichord. Composed by Mr. Handel. Price to subscribers, two guineas. Ready to be delivered by April next. Subscriptions are taken by the author, at his house* in Brook Street, Hanover Square, and by Walsh." In an advertisement on November 22 the publisher added, "Two of the above concertos will be performed this evening at the Theatre Royal, Lincoln's Inn." The concertos were published on April 21, 1740. In an advertisement a few days afterwards Walsh said, "These concertos were performed at the Theatre Royal in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and now are played in most public places with the greatest applause." Victor Schoelcher made this comment in his *Life of Handel*: "This was the case with all the works of Handel. They were so frequently performed at contemporaneous concerts and benefits that they seem, during his lifetime, to have quite become public property. Moreover, he did nothing which the other theatres did not attempt to imitate. In the little theatre of the Haymarket, evening entertainments were given in exact imitation of his 'several concertos for different instruments, with a variety of chosen airs of the best master, and the famous *Salve Regina* of Hasse.' The handbills issued by the nobles at the King's Theatre make mention also of 'several concertos for different instruments.'"

*This was the little house, No. 25 Lower Brook Street (now Brook Street), in which Handel lived from 1725 until his death. Here he composed the "Messiah," "Saul," and other oratorios. "After his death his valet rented the house and made the most of Handel's long residence to secure lodgers." "Sydney Smith lived in this house in 1835" (George H. Cunningham's "London." Handel lived for three years in Old Burlington House, erected by the third Earl of Burlington, amateur architect and friend of Pope.) In the rate-book of 1725 Handel was named owner, and the house rated at £35 a year. Mr. W. H. Cummins, about 1903, visiting this house, found a cast-lead cistern, on the front of which in bold relief was "1721. G. F. H." The house had then been in possession of a family about seventy years, and various structural alterations had been made. A back room on the first floor was said to have been Handel's composition-room.

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Romain Rolland, discussing the form concerto grosso, which consists essentially of a dialogue between a group of soloists, the *concertino* (trio of two solo violins and solo bass with cembalo*) and the chorus of instruments, concerto grosso, believes that Handel at Rome in 1708 was impressed by Corelli's works in this field, for several of his concertos of Opus 3 are dated 1710, 1716, 1722. Geminiani introduced the concerto into England,—three volumes appeared in 1732, 1735, 1748,—and he was a friend of Handel.

Handel's concertos of this set that have five movements are either in the form of a sonata with an introduction and a postlude (as Nos. 1 and 6); or in the form of the symphonic overture with the slow movements in the middle, and a dance movement, or an allegro closely resembling a dance, for a finale (as Nos. 7, 11, and 12); or a series of three movements from larghetto to allegro, which is followed by two dance movements (as No. 3).

The seven parts are thus indicated by Handel in book of parts: Violino primo concerto, Violino secondo concertino, Violino primo ripieno, Violino secondo ripieno, viola, violoncello, bass continuo.

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LOUIS GRUENBERG

(Born in Russia on August 3, 1883; living in Brooklyn, N.Y.)

This symphonic poem was performed for the first time at the second concert of the 70th Annual Festival of the Worcester (Mass.) County Musical Association, held at Mechanics Hall, Worcester. This concert took place on the afternoon of October 3, 1929. Albert Stoessel conducted the Festival Orchestra. The other orches-

*The Germans in the *concertino* sometimes coupled an oboe or a bassoon with a violin. The Italians were faithful, as a rule to the strings.

tral pieces were Monsigny's Chaconne et Rigaudon and Gustav Holst's Japanese Suite. The Marmeins danced their drama dances to music by Dukas, Franck, Rebikov, MacDowell, Mendelssohn, Prokofieff, Jaernevelt, Holst. We wrote to Mr. Gruenberg asking if he had any particular isle in mind. He answered by the following interesting letter:

"It has always been my firm conviction that a composition should stand on its own legs (so to speak) if able, or if not, that no amount of props in shape of words could possibly help it to stand upright. And having stated the above, I shall do what one must always do to firm convictions, if one is to continue to function artistically; that is, destroy or ignore them, and proceed to tell you what there is to be told about 'The Enchanted Isle' and other matters related to it.

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"The last two were never finished, owing to the fact that I lost interest in the series after leaving for Europe in 1919 (only to return to New York early last year). In rummaging through a bale of manuscripts which I had not seen for over eight years, I found the score of 'The Enchanted Isle,' whose very existence I

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had completely forgotten. As I idly turned its pages, a theme here, a passage there gradually brought back to me the wistful romantic days of my youth, when all is well, even if it isn't. I grew sentimental and determined to recapture a whiff of these enchanted islands of memory, gradually making a complete new score, retaining the emotions—most of the melodies of the original work—but making use of my newly acquired freedom, knowledge of orchestration, harmony, and construction. And that sums up what 'The Enchanted Isle' represents in my artistic career to-day—a bridge between the old and the new.

"Other works are: (1) 'Daniel Jazz'*; (2) 'Creation'; (3) 'Jazz Suite' (which Mr. Stokowsky is doing soon); (4) 'Vagabondia' (which had a first performance in Prague with the Prague Philharmonic); (5) a Ballet (the book, which I wrote myself, standing in the way of a production); (6) 'The Dumb Wife,'† opera in two acts (never produced because of failure of obtaining the performing rights); (7) a mass of chamber works; (8) three new works yet to be heard even by the composer."

According to the Worcester Festival Programme Book, edited by Walter Edward Howe, Mr. Gruenberg came to the United States in 1885 and was educated in the public schools of New York. He took piano lessons of Adele Margulies. He later studied at the master school of the Vienna Conservatory; still later, with Busoni, piano-playing and composition. (Riemann's "Musik-Lexikon" (1922) says that he also studied composition at Berlin with Fr. E. Koch). Having toured in European countries as a pianist, he returned to the United States with Busoni and composed the music of an opera-libretto by Busoni, "The Bride of the Gods." In 1919 he played at a recital in New York some of his own compositions, among them "Five Impressions based on Oriental Themes." The list of his work includes sonatas for violin and piano, a symphony, a piano concerto, songs, and piano pieces. He is one of the founders of the American Composers' Guild and a director of the International Composers' Guild. Not long ago he was made president of the United States section of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

"The Enchanted Isle" is published by the Juillard Musical Foundation.

SYMPHONY NO. 6, B MINOR, "PATHETIC," OP. 74

PETER ILICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(Born at Votkinsk in the government of Viatka, Russia, May 7, 1840; died at Leningrad, November 6, 1893)

Tchaikovsky on the voyage from New York to Hamburg in May, 1891, made sketches for a sixth symphony. He worked on this symphony in 1892, was dissatisfied with it, and destroyed it before he began to orchestrate it. His third pianoforte concerto, Op. 75,

*"Daniel Jazz" was performed in Boston at a concert of the Chamber Music Club and the Flute Players Club in Jordan Hall on April 23, 1928. Colin O'More, tenor, sang the text of Vachel Lindsay's poem; Richard Burgin conducted the Chamber Orchestra. The programme also included Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" (Greta Torpadie, singer), Stravinsky's Octet for wind instruments, and Hindemith's "Marlenlieder" (Miss Torpadie, Mr. Tillotson, pianist).

†Is this opera based on Anatole France's "Comédie de celui qui épousa une femme muette", produced at the Porte Saint-Martin, Paris, on May 30, 1912, with Mlle. de Pouzols taking the part of Catherine? The play was seen in Boston with Lillah McCarthy as Catherine in the translation made by Curtis Hidden Page for Granville Barker.

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was based on the first movement of the rejected work. (This concerto was played after his death by Tanéïev in Leningrad.) Another work, posthumous, the Andante and Finale for pianoforte with orchestra, orchestrated by Tanéïev, and produced at Leningrad on February 20, 1896, was also based on the sketches for this Symphony.

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The first mention of the "Pathetic" Symphony is in a letter from Tchaikovsky to his brother Anatol, dated Klin, February 22, 1893: "I am now wholly occupied with the new work (a symphony) and it is hard for me to tear myself away from it. I believe it comes into being as the best of my works. I must finish it as soon as possible, for I have to wind up a lot of affairs and I must also soon go to London. I told you that I had completed a symphony which suddenly displeased me, and I tore it up. Now I have composed a new symphony *which I certainly shall not tear up.*" He was still eager for an inspiring opera libretto. He did not like one on the story of Undine, which had been suggested. He wrote to Modest: "For God's sake, find or invent a subject, *if possible not a fantastic one*, but something after the manner of 'Carmen' or of 'Cavalleria Rusticana.'"

Tchaikovsky went to London in May, and the next month he was at Cambridge, to receive, on June 13, with Saint-Saëns, Grieg, Boïto, Bruch, the Doctor's degree *honoris causa*. Grieg, whom Tchaikovsky loved as man and composer, was sick and could not be present. "Outside of Saint-Saëns the sympathetic one to me is Boïto. Bruch—an unsympathetic, bumptious person." At the ceremonial concert, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" was played. General Roberts was also made a Doctor on this occasion, as were the Maharaja of Bhonnaggor and Lord Herschel.

At home again, Peter wrote to Modest early in August that he was up to his neck in his symphony. "The orchestration is the more difficult, the farther I go. Twenty years ago I let myself write at ease without much thought, and it was all right. Now I have become cowardly and uncertain. I have sat the whole day over two pages: that which I wished came constantly to naught. In spite of this, I make progress." He wrote to Davidov, August 15: "The symphony which I intended to dedicate to you—I shall reconsider this on account of your long silence—is progressing. I am very well satisfied with the contents, but not wholly with the orchestration. I do not succeed in my intentions. It will not surprise me in the least if the symphony is cursed or judged un-

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Early in October he wrote to the Grand Duke Constantine: "I have without exaggeration put my whole soul into this symphony, and I hope that your highness will like it. I do not know whether it will seem original in its material, but there is this peculiarity of form: the Finale is an Adagio, not an Allegro, as is the custom." Later he explained to the Grand Duke why he did not wish to write a Requiem. He said in substance that the text contained too much about God as a revengeful judge; he did not believe in such a deity; nor could such a deity awaken in him the necessary inspiration: "I should feel the greatest enthusiasm in putting music to certain parts of the gospels, if it were only possible. How often, for instance, have I been enthusiastic over a musical illustration of Christ's words: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden'; also, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light'! What boundless love and compassion for mankind are in these words!"

Tchaikovsky left Klin forever on October 19. He stopped at Moscow to attend a funeral, and there with Kashkin he talked freely after supper. Friends had died; who would be the next to go? "I told Peter," said Kashkin, "that he would outlive us all. He disputed the likelihood, yet added that never had he felt so well and happy." Peter told him that he had no doubt about the first three movements of his new symphony, but that the last was still

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doubtful in his mind; after the performance he might destroy it and write another finale. He arrived at Leningrad in good spirits, but he was depressed because the symphony made no impression on the orchestra at the rehearsals. He valued highly the opinion of players, and he conducted well only when he knew that the orchestra liked the work. He was dependent on them for the finesse of interpretation. "A cool facial expression, an indifferent glance, a yawn,—these tied his hands; he lost his readiness of mind, he went over the work carelessly, and cut short the rehearsal, that the players might be freed from their boresome work." Yet he insisted that he never had written and never would write a better composition than this symphony.

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What was the programme in Tchaikovsky's mind? Kashkin says that, if the composer had disclosed it to the public, the world would not have regarded the symphony as a kind of legacy from one filled with a presentiment of his own approaching end; that it seems more reasonable "to interpret the overwhelming energy of the third movement and the abysmal sorrow of the Finale in the broader light of a national or historical significance rather than to narrow them to the expression of an individual experience. If the last movement is intended to be predictive, it is surely of things vaster and issues more fatal than are contained in a mere personal apprehension of death. It speaks rather of a '*lamentation large et souffrance inconnue*,' and seems to set the seal of finality on all human hopes. Even if we eliminate the purely subjective interest, this autumnal inspiration of Tchaikovsky, in which we hear 'the ground whirl of the perished leaves of hope, still remains the most profoundly stirring of his works.' . . ."

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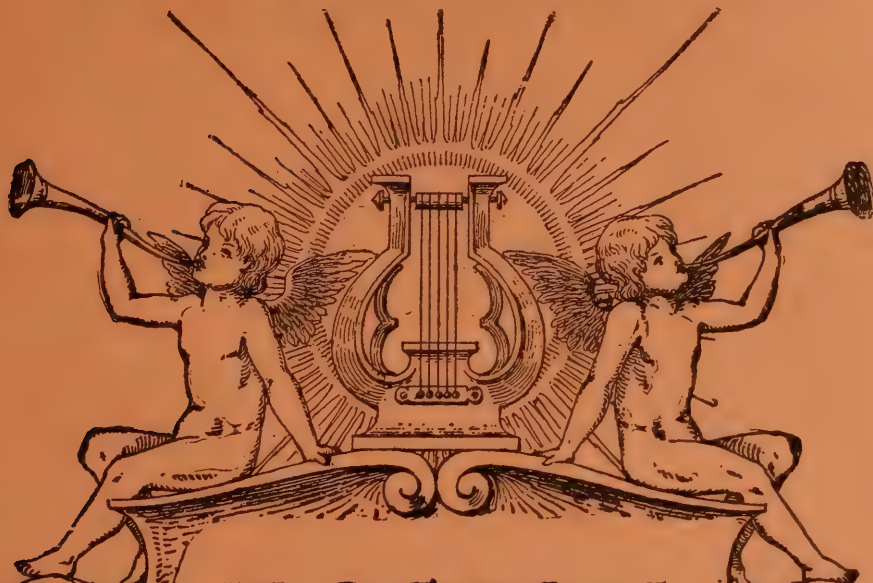


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The programme of the Zurich concert also comprised Hindemith's Concerto for orchestra, Op. 38 (Fritz Busch, conductor); Casella's Partita for piano and orchestra (Walter Gieseking, pianist; Casella, conductor); Levy's Fifth Symphony for violin (Willem de Boer), trumpet (Ernst Södling), and orchestra (Andrae, conductor); Webern's Five Pieces for orchestra, Op. 10 (Webern, conductor); Ferroud's "Foules" for orchestra (Walther Straram, conductor); Tansman's "Dance de la Sorcière" (Gregor Fitelberg, conductor).

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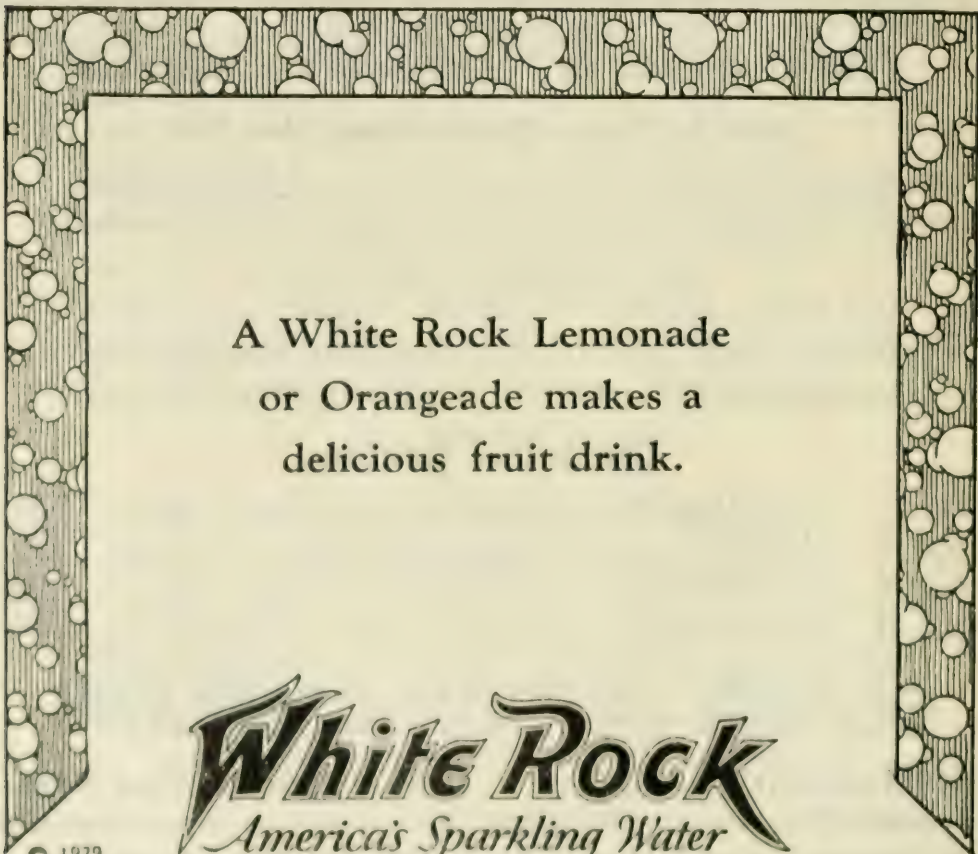
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Rowlandson's print was published by T. Tegg in 1814. The following quotation from "The Portsmouth Road: The Sailors' Highway," by Charles G. Harper, describes the print:

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Rowlandson also shows small craft pulling off to the ships; luggage, spirit-casks, packages wheeled or shouldered. A lady is in a sedan chair. A drunken girl is borne off on the shoulders of a sailor.

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The Programme Book of this Zurich Festival contained an article signed "W. T. W.": "Mr. Walton ended his studies at Christ's College, Oxford, and received his first musical instruction from Sir Hugh Percy Allen."* (He won a probationership at the age of ten in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; at sixteen became an undergraduate of Christ Church; passed first two examinations for Mus. Bac. at the ages of sixteen and seventeen; he also studied under Edward Joseph Dent.) "After his fifteenth year, he was his own teacher. His chief works besides the 'Portsmouth Point' overture are a string quartet (Salzburg, 1923), a pianoforte quartet (Carnegie Prize). He has also composed a Toccata for violin and pianoforte, songs, and 'Façade,' a divertissement on poems by Edith Sitwell, recited through a megaphone behind a curtain."

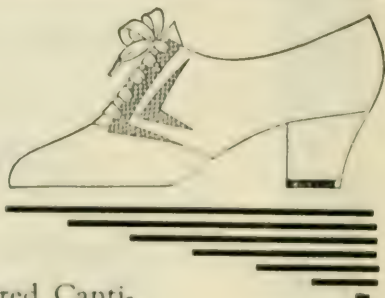
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The String quartet was played by the McCulloch Quartet at Salzburg on August 4, 1923.

*Allen, born at Reading, December 23, 1869, was first assistant organist at Chichester Cathedral; later assistant music master at Wellington College; organ scholar at Christ's College, Oxford; organist, St. Asaph Cathedral, 1897-8; Ely Cathedral, 1898-1901; New College, Oxford, 1901-18; conductor, Bach Choir, London, 1901-20. He followed Sir Hubert Parry as director of the Royal College of Music, London, in 1918; in that year he was appointed to the Heather Chair of Music, in the University of Oxford.

†"Mr. W. T. Walton's 'Siesta' is an orchestral lyric, perfectly scored and bearing the stamp of an authentic musical individuality. Its reception was something more than favourable, in itself a tribute to a composer whose own outlook is completely modern, whatever the influences that have moulded his style." London Daily Telegraph November 21, 1929. The performance was at a concert of the New English Music Society.

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"Façade" was produced at the Chenil Galleries, London, on April 27, 1926. The audience was warned that it might regard "Façade" as an entertainment and that it need not repress any impulse to laugh if it felt one. The megaphone was placed in "the mouth of a big face painted half in white, half in pink, on the curtain. The orchestra, behind this curtain, consisted of piccolo, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, violoncello, and percussion."

Ernest Newman wrote of "Façade": "How much I enjoyed the fun may be estimated from the fact that I—a critic—actually not only stayed to the end but added my voice and my umbrella to the clamor for encores of the best 'items' long after the official proceedings were finished.

"Mr. Sitwell, in his prefatory remarks, half hinted, apologetically, that the speaker of the words might not be able to get them all 'over,' but that if we happened to miss any of them there was always the music to fall back upon. His scruples were unnecessary. It is true that against the jolly stridencies of Mr. Walton's scoring what we got from the megaphone was often sound rather than sense, but for my part I felt that one or two of the poems were rather improved than otherwise by our not being able to catch the words. We got the essential things all right, such as—

Or the sound of the onycha
When the phoca has the pica
In the palace of the Queen Chinee!

(from the 'Trio for Two Cats and a Trombone'). But really, the words mattered very little, in the majority of cases, as against the music.

"The experience was another illustration of how necessary it is to find the right instrument for a tune, in poetry as in music. If I have missed, in my study, the inner meaning of some of Miss Sitwell's ingeniously wrought verses, it was because in my innocence I read them as I would read ordinary poetry. Mr. Osbert Sitwell (if it were he at the back of the megaphone), showed me that they really demand a method of reading of their own. Get Kreisler to play one of Paul Whiteman's shirt-sleeves tunes on his violin, and the tune will sound nothing. Hear the free-and-easy thing on the trombone or the baritone

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saxophone, and you are bound to admit that it has its qualities and its virtues; with tunes, as with people, the clothes are almost as important as what is inside them. Now when I read this of Miss Sitwell's:—

Long steel brass—
The white soldiers pass—
The light is braying like an ass.

See
The tall Spanish jade
With hair black as nightshade
Worn as a cockade!
Flee

Her eyes' gasconade
And her gown's parade
(As stiff as a brigade).
Tee-hee!

or this—

Beside the castanetted sea
Where stocks Il Capitaneo
Swaggart braggadocio
Sword and moustachio—
He

or this—

Is green as a cassada
And his hair is an Armada!

When,
Sir

Beelzebub called for his syllabub in the hotel at Hell,

the device of the broken line misses fire with me, because I am not used to that sort of thing in the poetry I was brought up on. But when the megaphone bellows the words at me with a sledge-hammer insistence on the 'See,' 'Flee,' 'When,' and 'Sir,' I get the poet's idea, and, I must confess, enjoy it.

"These, in fact, are saxophone tunes, not violin melodies, and must be played on the right instrument, with the right technique, and in the right spirit. The reciter brought out also all sorts of queer delightful rhythms and cross-rhythms and unexpected stabbing accents that gave me, as a musician whose trade is in these things and who therefore

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knows what's what where they are concerned, a vast delight. It is all very well for old-fashioned purists to say that poetry should not be read through a megaphone. The answer is that the Sitwells know what they are driving at better than we do, and that, beyond a doubt, Tuesday's reading of some of these poems gave us a delight in them that we had not previously felt. To hear Osbert and the megaphone pounding out—

THE
Trumpet and the drum,
And the martial cornet come
To make the people dumb—
But WE
Won't wait for sly-foot night

with a rhythm and an accent like those of a military march, was to see the poem—for the first time with many of us—from the poet's point of view.

"But the entertainment owed a great deal also to Mr. Walton's music. All I knew of this young man's before Tuesday was a horrible quartet of his that was given at the Royal College three or four years ago. On the strength of this, I take leave to dislike intensely Mr. Walton's serious music—if, indeed, that quartet *was* serious and *was* music, both of which I doubt. But as a musical joker he is a jewel of the first water. Not all the 'Façade' music came off, it is true. Some of it was too imitative of the sort of thing we used to hear in the great days of about 1920, when M. Diaghileff was writing—or at all events signing—those wonderful letters to the papers in which a new scheme of musical values was foreshadowed, Beethoven and Brahms and Elgar being reduced to the status of mere straphangers by the Stravinskys and Saties and Prokofieffs and Milhauds of the new dawn. Here and there Mr. Walton could be seen diving into that sequestered and now stagnant pool and coming up with bits of Stravinsky sticking in his honest English hair; indeed, now and then the music was so like Stravinsky that it might have been written by Eric Fogg.

"But when the true-born Briton settled down to the true-born Briton's historic rôle of guying things that have a natural touch of

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absurdity about them, he was, as the modern stylist would say, priceless. Here is obviously a humorous musical talent of the first order; nothing so good in the mock-serious line of music has been heard for a long time as the 'Valse,' the 'Polka,' the 'Jodelling Song' and 'I do like to be beside the seaside'; and the deft workmanship, especially in the orchestration, made the heart of the listening musician glad.

"The curious thing was the happiness of the correspondence between all the factors of the affair, the music, the words, the megaphone, and the piquant phrasing of the lines by the reciter were as much born of each other's bone and flesh of each other's flesh as the words and the music are of each other in 'Tristan' or 'Pelléas.' At its best, 'Façade' was the jolliest entertainment of the season. . . . And Mr. Walton ought to seek out a librettist after his own heart and give us a little musical comedy in the jazz style."

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Walton's Sinfonia Concertante for orchestra with pianoforte (quasi obligato) was performed for the first time in Boston (if not in the United States) at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 2, 1928. Bernard Zighera was the pianist. This Sinfonia Concertante in three movements, composed in 1927 was performed for the first time at a concert of the Royal Philharmonic Society in London on January 5, 1928. York Bowen was the pianist; Ernest Ansermet, conducted.

SYMPHONY, E MINOR—C MAJOR, No. 2

ARNOLD EDWARD TREVOR BAX

(Born at London, England, November 6, 1883; living in London)

This symphony, dedicated to Serge Koussevitzky, was published in 1929. The first performance anywhere was in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on December 13, 1929. There was a second performance in Boston led by Dr. Koussevitzky on January 3, 1930. The score calls for these instruments: three flutes (the third interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, English horn, three clarinets,



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in A and B-flat, bass clarinet in A and B-flat, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tenor tuba, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, side drum, tambourine, cymbals, xylophone, Glockenspiel, tam-tam, celesta, piano, two harps, organ, and the usual strings.

Mr. Bax, in a letter dated London, November 22, regretting that engagements prevent him from hearing the first performance of his symphony, wrote: "I particularly want to hear this work, as I put a great deal of time (and emotion) into the writing of it." He says nothing about the contents of the work except that the end "should be very broad indeed, with a kind of oppressive catastrophic mood. . . . I am confident that this symphony will receive a finer first performance than any previous work of mine." In a later letter he stated that the symphony was composed in 1924-1925. "There is absolutely no communicable programme associated with the music, which is entirely, severely 'absolute' as a classical work." He called attention to the cyclic character of the form and to the persistence in all the three movements of a three-note figure.

The symphony is in three movements:

I. *Molto moderato*, 4-4. The introduction advances a rugged theme strongly rhythmized for wind instruments. *Allegro moderato*. There are many changes of tempo, as *moderato semplice* for a section introduced by flutes, *molto largamente*, "riotously," etc.

II. *Andante*, B major, 3-4, 4-4.

III. After a prelude *poco largamente*, 4-4, comes an *Allegro feroce*, C major, for full orchestra. The thematic material is worked until, after stormy measures for full orchestra with organ, there is a *diminuendo* to *pianissimo*.

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Bax was educated musically at the Royal Academy of Music, London, which he entered in 1900. He studied the pianoforte with Tobias Matthay; composition with Frederick Corder (1900-1905). He was known as one of the most brilliant students in the history of the Academy. His early works are the pianoforte Trio (1906); "Fatherland,"



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for tenor solo, chorus, and orchestra (1907); the orchestral poem "Into the Twilight" (1908), which has been discarded, and a string quintet of which only an "Interlude" has been retained. The works that survive Bax's criticism are dated beginning with 1909. Leaving the Royal Academy in 1905, he went to Ireland, where he lived in the western region of that country. Later he went to Dublin, and was associated with the writers and the artists of the "Irish Renaissance." In 1910 Bax visited Russia for a short time. The pianoforte pieces "May Night in the Ukraine," "Gopak," and the remarkable "In a Vodka Shop" were the result.

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Mr Edwin Evans of London contributed an article on Arnold Bax to *Modern Music* of November-December, 1927. He said in part:

"If, as so many critics maintain, classification is of the devil, then Arnold Bax is to be congratulated upon his escape. Of all contemporary British composers, he is the most difficult correctly to classify. He corresponds to none of the labels which pass as current coin today. He is neither an impressionist, nor an expressionist; neither a revolutionary, nor that still more subversive apparition, a neo-classicist. Atonality, polytonality, and linear counterpoint may all be met with in his later works and doubtless quarter-tones would be there also if he felt that he needed them, but none of these technical seasonings mean anything in his still comparatively young life beyond their use as seasoning the fare he has to offer us. Some say he is not a modernist—whatever that may mean—but he certainly is no conservative, nor is he a traditionalist except in the praiseworthy sense in which every heir to the *materia musica* of his predecessors and in fact every artist is under obligation to the material in which he works. Those critics who must classify at all costs have discovered that there is only one label that fits him: romantic; and that fits him because, in one way or another, it fits every artist with the love of beauty in his soul. That the term should in our day have acquired frumpish associations is a mere verbal accident that reflects not upon romance but upon ourselves. As everyone knows, none can be so ascetic as the reformed libertine. Having wallowed in the *mauvais lieux* of romance, music is at present affecting a kind of

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virtuous abstemiousness. It is as if the obese gentleman whose excesses have driven him to 'take the waters' prided himself upon his Spartan way of life. Moreover, it is rarely genuine. Catch even those German-Savonarolas unawares, and you will find them in ecstasy before a clump of *Myosotis palustris*, though they may indignantly protest that it is only its line and color that interests them. The Schoenberg of the 'Wind Quartet' is also the Schoenberg of 'Verklaerte Nacht.'

"But there is one quality which Bax possesses in abundance, and which in our world of atonality and jazz is so rare that its possession in itself is romantic. And it is this quality which has caused the label to stick. It is the musical equivalent of the lyrical impulse in poetry, the attribute which causes utterance to take spontaneously beautiful forms, irrespective of all else. In the true lyric poet the sentiment and the expression are so closely linked as to be practically identical. He does not express in the ordinary sense. He feels, and therefore he sings. And if he is of the elect, his song will have all its euphony without the intervention of the craftsman, whose task has as much to do with this initial beauty as the frame-maker's with the picture. Bax has, in a rare measure, this innate quality. His thoughts may be unequal, but even in the most debatable of them there lurks always this element of lyrical beauty, to the rich vein of which is due the fluency and abundance which has at times been ascribed to technical facility. While so many modern musicians are racking themselves with constructive energy, this one oozes music through his pores because there is so much of it within him that he can scarcely contain it."

"CANTICLE OF THE SUN" (CANTICUM FRATRIS SOLIS), AFTER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: FOR VOICE AND ORCHESTRA. CHARLES MARTIN LOEFFLER

(Born at Mulhouse, Alsace, January 30, 1861; now living in Medfield, Mass.)

This work was written for the occasion of the opening of the New Chamber Music Hall in the Library of Congress at Washington, presented to the nation by Mrs. F. S. Coolidge. It was performed for the first time, anywhere, on October 28, 1925, at the "Library of Congress Festival of Chamber Music (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation)." Mme. Povla Frijsh sang the soprano part.

The text is the hymn of St. Francis of Assisi, called by some "Canticle of the Sun"; by some "Hymn to the Sun," and by others "The Song of Brother Sun" (Canticum fratris solis), the title chosen by Mr. Loeffler. This hymn is a poetical rhapsody in the Umbrian dialect. The genuineness of the hymn has been attacked by some scholars, but the majority believe in its authenticity. Mr. Loeffler used for his music a modernized Italian version by Mr. Gino Perera of Boston. Matthew Arnold translated as follows the hymn in its original form:

O most high, almighty, good Lord God, to thee belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, the which doth sustain us and keep us, and bringeth forth divers fruits, and flowers of many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, who is very serviceable unto us, and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by the which thou upholdest in life all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom thou givest us light in the darkness; and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty, and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from whom no man escapeth. Woe to him who dieth in mortal sin! Blessed are they who are found walking by the most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for his love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation; blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for thou, O most High, shalt give them a crown!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, the which he has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures; and specially our brother the sun, who brings us the day, and who brings us the light; fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor: O Lord, he signifies to us thee!

Praise ye, and bless ye the Lord, and give thanks unto Him, and serve him with great humility.

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When Mrs. Coolidge asked Mr. Loeffler to compose something for the opening concert of her Washington Festival of Chamber Music, he thought of this hymn. She approved. He composed it in the first half of the year 1925, writing for voice and chamber orchestra—three flutes, English horn, two horns in F, piano, celesta, two harps, organ, and strings. When the hymn was performed in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Orchestra on January 2, 1926 (Mme. Frijsh, soprano; Mr. Stokowski, conductor), Mr. Lawrence Gilman, the brilliant editor of that orchestra's programme books, wrote the following notes:

"The composer uses definite liturgical motives. Thus we hear the *Deo gratias* in the flutes and English horn as the voice ascends to F-sharp on the word '*benedizione*' ('To Thee belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!'). As the singer praises that 'Sister Death' whom Francis so joyfully hailed at the end ('*Laudato sia, mio Signore, per sora nostra morte corporale, Dalla quale nessun uomo vivente puo scappare*')—'our sister, the death of the body, from whom no man escapeth'—the English horn remembers the *Kyrie eleison*, as it does again at '*nella tue santissime volontà,*' later in the same verse. And this verse is prefaced in the orchestra by an intoning of the Introit *Resurrexi*, for the basses, organ, and piano. Throughout the work the influence of the old liturgical modes is apparent in the melodic and harmonic structure of the music.

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"The hymn is introduced by an instrumental prelude, *Andante con moto*, 5-4, with a phrase for muted violoncello solo, muted horn, and organ, over a pedal G-sharp of the basses, piano, and organ, joined in the next measure by the violins; and there is a subject for the flute that has significance in the development. The voice enters in an *Allegro moderato*, against the flute theme of the introduction.

"The two harps, in four-part harmony, join in liquid praise of 'our sister water.' Harp glissandi, with tremolos of wood and strings, hymn 'our brother the wind' (*Allegro*). There are glints from the celesta, piano, harps, and rapid woodwind figures for 'our brother fire'; but we hear only the quiet of a gravely poignant cantilena for solo viola and other strings, with the *Kyrie eleison* on the English horn (*Andante mesto*, quasi *adagietto*), as the singer praises Sister Death."

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

The first performance in the United States of this Bolero as a concert piece was by the Philharmonic Society of New York, Mr. Toscanini conductor, on November 14, 1929. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on December 6, 1929.

Tempo di ballo, *moderato assai*, 3-4. A drum gives the dance rhythm, which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a "tornado of sound."

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of "Valencia," had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.

Ravel's Bolero calls for these instruments: piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, oboe d'amour, English horn, two clarinets, one E-flat clarinet, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, three saxophones, kettledrums, side drums, cymbals, tam-tam, celesta, harp, and the usual strings.

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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his

time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czerwinski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

The name "Bolero" or "Volero" is supposed by some to come from *volar*, to fly, "because a Manchega expert had danced the Seguidillas so wonderfully and lightly that he seemed to fly." Is the Bolero the outcome of the Seguidillas? When the Bolero or Fandango is danced as a ballet by eight persons, it is usually called the Seguidillas.

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The Bolero is to be found in some operas, as in Auber's "La Muette di Portici" ("Masaniello"), Act I, Scene 3, Allegretto moderato, C major, 3-4; Méhul's "Les deux Aveugles de Tolède"; Weber's stage music for "Preciosa." Perhaps the most famous Bolero in opera is that sung by the Duchess Hélène in the fifth act of Verdi's "Vêpres Siciliennes" (Allegro, A minor—A major, 3-4), sung first in Paris by Mme. Cruvelli; in Boston by Mme. Colson, when Verdi's opera was first performed here on January 2, 1860—this Bolero has often been sung here in con-

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The Bolero has been noticed by English poets. Byron, in a song intended for the first canto of "Childe Harold," but replaced (Verse LXXXIV) by the lines "To Inez," wrote in praise of the lovely girl of Cadiz:

And when beneath the evening star,
She mingles in the gay Bolero,
Or sings to her attuned guitar
Of Christian knight or Moorish hero.

Thomas Hood introduced the dance in his "Drinking Song," by a member of a Temperance Society, as sung by Mr. Spring at Waterman's Hall:

The vintage, they cry, think of Spain's and of France's,
The jigs, he boleros, fandangos and jumps;
But water's the spring of all civilized dances,
We go to a ball not in bottles, but *pumps*!
Then hey for a bucket, a bucket, a bucket,
Then hey for a bucket, filled up to the brim!
Or, best of all notions, let's have it by oceans,
With plenty of room for a sink or a swim!

William Beckford, for his delightful "Italy, with Sketches of Portugal and Spain," delightful for its malice and cynicism as well as for the graphic description of scenery, cities, men, women, and manners, did not hesitate to coin the verb "to bolero": "Thirteen or fourteen couples started and boleroed and fandangoed away upon a thick carpet for an hour or two, without intermission. There are scarcely any boarded floors in Madrid; so the custom of dancing upon rugs is universally established"* (Vol. II, Letter XVI).

He himself, at Señor Pacheco's at Madrid, danced a bolero, snapping his fingers and stamping his feet, while twenty voices accompanied with "its appropriate words" in full chorus; but he admits that he committed solecisms in good dancing at every step. "I am more than apt to conjecture we were but very slightly entitled to any applause; yet the transports we called forth were as fervid as those the famous Le Pique excited at Naples, in the zenith of his popularity." At last the Duchess of Ossuna, the patroness of the composer Boccherini, said to Beckford, in the plainest language: "You are making the greatest fool of yourself I ever beheld; and as to those riotous self-taught hoydens, your partners, I tell you what, they are scarcely worthy to figure in the third rank at a second-rate theatre."

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and

*Beckford's Letters from Spain were written in 1785, 1787, and 1795. They were first published in 1834.

especially of the most typical type, called flamenco,* lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."† He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals, beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless. The sharp, spirit-stirring click is heard behind the scenes—the effect is instantaneous—it creates life under the ribs of death—it silences the tongues of countless women—*on n'écoute que le ballet*. The curtain draws up; the bounding pair dart forward from the opposite sides like two separated lovers, who, after long search, have found each other

*The Flamenco shares with the Fandango the rank of principal dance of Andalusia. The word "flaming" is tropically used in Spain as "gay," "lively," when applied to song or dance. The Flamenco in 3-8 time, and of a moderate movement (*allegretto*), is performed with accompaniment of guitars and castanets between rhymed verses. Spanish soldiers who had been quartered in the Netherlands during the Spanish occupation were called Flamencos. On their return there was feasting, there was gaiety. A lyric drama, "La Flamenca," libretto by Cain and Adenis, music by Lucien Lambert, was produced at the Galté, Paris, October 30, 1903. The heroine is a concert-hall singer. The scene is Havana in 1807. The plot is based on the revolutionary history of the time. Mr. Jackson, an American who is helping the insurgents, is one of the chief characters in the tragedy. The composer told a Parisian reporter before the performance that no place was more picturesque than Havana during the struggle between "the ancient Spanish race, the young Cubans, and the rude Yankees, so unlike the two other nations"; that the opera would contain "Spanish songs of a proud and lively nature, Creole airs languorous with love, and rude and frank Yankee songs." The last-named were to be sung by an insurgent or "rough rider." The singer at the Café Flamenco was impersonated by Mme. Marie Thiéry. The opera was performed eight times.

Salillas says that the returned Flamenco often degenerated into a worthless braggart, at last to be coupled with and confounded, being looked on as "a rowdy, dissipated type," with the *picaro* and the gypsy.

†"Gatherings from Spain" was published in 1846.—P. H.

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again, nor do they seem to think of the public, but only of each other; the glitter of the gossamer costume of the Majo and Maja seems invented for this Dance—the sparkle of the gold lace and silver filigree adds to the lightness of their motions; the transparent, form-designing *saya* of the lady heightens the charms of a faultless symmetry which it fain would conceal; no cruel stays fetter her serpentine flexibility. They pause—bend forward an instant—prove their supple limbs* and arms; the band strikes up, they turn fondly towards each other, and start into life. . . . The accompaniment of the castanet gives employment to their upraised arms. ‘*C’est,*’ say the French, ‘*le pantomime d’amour.*’ The enamored youth persecutes the coy, coquettish maiden; who shall describe the advances—her timid retreat; his eager pursuit, like Apollo chasing Daphne? Now they gaze on each other; now all is life, love, and action; now there is a pause. They stop motionless at a moment, and grow into the earth. It carries all before it. There is a truth which overpowers the fastidious judgment. Away, then, with the studied grace of the French danseuse, beautiful but artificial, cold and selfish as is the flicker of her love, compared to the real impassioned abandon of the daughters of the South. There is nothing indecent in this dance; no one is tired or the worse for it; indeed, its only fault is its being too short, for, as Molière says, ‘*Un ballet ne saurait être trop long, pourvu que la morale soit bonne, et la métaphysique bien entendue.*’ Notwithstanding this most profound remark, the Toledan clergy, out of mere jealousy, wished to put the Bolero down, on the pretense of immorality. The dancers were allowed in evidence to give a view to the court; when they began, the bench and bar showed symptoms of recklessness, and, at last, casting aside gowns and briefs, both joined, as if tarantula-bitten, in the irresistible capering. Verdict, for the defendant with costs.”

In 1882, Emmanuel Chabrier journeyed in Spain. The result was his superb orchestral rhapsody “España.” He wrote to his publisher Costellat letters descriptive of the dances he saw in the Andalusian *bailes*, where the “upper classes” were not to be seen. These letters about the authentic Spanish dances were published in the Music Review S. I. M. (January 15, February 15, 1909). Extracts from them are given in Georges Servières’ life of Chabrier: “Two guitarists, solemn, cigarette between the lips, continue to scratch no matter what, in three time. (Only the tango is in duple time.) The cries of the woman excite the dancer, who becomes literally mad of her body” (these dancers were gypsies in Seville). Chabrier spoke of the spectators clapping their hands in 3-4 *à contretemps*, while the guitar followed peacefully its own rhythm. “As others beat time *forte* with each measure, each one beating a little at will, there was a most curious amalgamation of rhythms.”

Then there are Théophile Gautier’s descriptions of Spanish dancers; and in the five volumes of his theatrical criticisms, eloquent studies of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis’s chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the “Escenas Andaluza” (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for “the deeper significance of Spanish dancing” to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in “Hampa” (1898).

*Yet the English have laughed at the Americans for certain prudish euphemisms.—P. H.

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- II. Allegro.

Beethoven Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op. 60

- I. Adagio; Allegro vivace.
- II. Adagio.
- III. Allegro vivace; Trio: Un poco meno allegro.
- IV. Finale: Allegro ma non troppo.

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This composition is the third of the six Brandenburg Concertos. Completed on March 24, 1721, they were written in answer to the wish of a Prussian prince, Christian Ludwig, Margraf of Brandenburg, the youngest son of the Great Elector by a second wife. This prince was provost of the Cathedral at Halberstadt. He was a bachelor, living now at Berlin and now on his estate at Malchow. Fond of music, and not in an idle way, he was extravagant in his tastes and mode of life, and often went beyond his income of nearly fifty thousand thalers. In May, 1718, Prince Leopold of Anhalt-Cöthen, at whose court Bach was Capellmeister, journeyed to Carlsbad to drink the waters. He took with him Bach and a quintet from his orchestra; also his clavicembalo with three "servants to care for it"; he was also thus attended when he visited Carlsbad in 1720. The Margraf may have been at Carlsbad, and as he was very fond of music and had his own orchestra, he undoubtedly attended Leopold's musical parties. At any rate, he gave Bach a commission. It was on March 24, 1721, that Bach—possibly some one at the Court—wrote a dedication in French:

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delicate taste, but to seek in them rather the expression of my profound respect and obedience. In conclusion, Monseigneur, I most respectfully beg your Royal Highness to continue your gracious favor toward me, and to be assured that there is nothing I so much desire as to employ myself more worthily in your service.

With the utmost fervor, Monseigneur, I subscribe myself,
Your Royal Highness's most humble and most obedient servant,

JEAN SEBASTIEN BACH.

COETHEN, 24 March, 1721."*

These concertos—"Concerts avec Plusieurs Instruments"—were intended as a gift for the Margraf's birthday in March. Nothing is known about the reception in Berlin, nor is it positively known whether they were ever played at the palace of the Margraf. "The condition of the autograph suggests that, like the parts of the *Kyrie* and *Gloria* of the B minor Mass at Dresden, it was never performed by the recipient." It was the Margraf's habit to catalogue his library. The name of Bach was not found in the list, although the names of Vivaldi, Venturini, Valentini, Brescianello, and other writers of concertos were recorded. After the death of the Margraf in 1734, Bach's score was put for sale with other manuscripts in a "job lot." Spitta thinks that Bach's concertos were probably among "77 concertos by different masters and for various instruments at 4 ggr (altogether 12 thlr, 20 ggr)" or "100 concertos by different masters for various instruments—No. 3, 3 16th." The Brandenburg concertos came into the possession of J. P. Kirnberger. They were later owned by the Princess Amalie, sister of Frederick the Great and a pupil of Kirnberger. Their next and final home was the Royal Library, Berlin, No. 78 in the Amalienbibliothek. They were edited by S. W. Dehn, and published by Peters, Leipsic, in 1850.

Bach retained a copy of the score and performed the music at Cöthen by Prince Leopold's orchestra, reinforced by visiting players, before the concertos were offered elsewhere. "The first concerto is scored for two horns, an instrument just coming into vogue, of which Bach made no other use at Cöthen. His Capelle contained no horn player, and an entry in the accounts, under the date, 6 June, 1722, 'An die beyden Waldhornisten, so sich alhier hören lassen, 15 Thaler,' indicates with con-

*Translation into English by Charles Sanford Terry ("Bach: A Biography"—London, 1928).



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The first movement, in a somewhat different form, was used by Bach for the opening section—entitled a Sinfonia or Concerto—of his Whitsuntide cantata: "Ich liebe den Höchsten von ganzem Gemüthe," scored for two oboes, two horns, *taille* (oboe da caccia), three violins, three violas, three violoncellos, and continuo.*

I. G major, 2-2. The strings, divided into three groups, begin with a lively theme. The movement consists of developments in many forms of portions of this theme; for example, the motive of the first measure is used with a new figure in opposition; measures 4, 5, 6 are contrapuntally treated. A half-cadence on D introduces the working-out of motives from the third measure of the theme, while the initial motive of the first measure appears in violoncellos (and double basses), until the chief theme leads to a cadence, G major. A new episode is based on the second part of the second measure. When G major again comes, a new theme is opposed to the chief theme. The voices alternate in double counterpoint. At last the movement ends with the chief theme. "One passage," says Spitta, "is as fine as anything in the whole realm of German instrumental music. The chief subject is given out in the second violin part; the first violin then starts an entirely new subject, which next appears in the second violin, drawing in more and more instruments, and is at last taken up by the third violin and third viola and given out weightily on their G strings; this is the signal for a flood of sound to be set free from all sides, in the swirl of which all polyphony is drowned for several measures." Spitta refers here to a place near the middle of the movement.

In the original score there is a transitional measure, *adagio*, 4-4, "two big chords, forming what is known as a Phrygian cadence, and landing us for a moment in B major. Their purpose," thinks Fuller-Maitland, "clearly is to avoid the monotony of beginning the new movement in the same key as the old. We cannot but feel that these two chords are a poor substitute for the slow movement which, in the ordinary course of things, would have given the same relief; but even Bach may have felt the great difficulty of inventing a movement which would be a contrast to these two expressions of happiness without causing a feeling of incongruity."

To supply this want, some conductors have introduced as a second movement Bachrich's arrangement of an *Andante* from one of Bach's sonatas for violin solo. This was done when the concerto was played at concerts of the Philharmonic Society of New York, February 13, 14, 1903.†

II. *Allegro*, G major, 12-8. The theme started by the violins in succession and close imitation, then developed elaborately, is followed by other figures, which contend in alternation with the chief theme to the end.

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*At first sight it is a little startling to find that the merry opening movement is used again in the church cantata, No. 174 . . . Yet the incongruity would only be felt by those who, in the reign of Queen Victoria, made a hard and fast line between sacred and secular music." —J. A. Fuller-Maitland.

†At a concert of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the interpolated *Adagio* was the slow movement of Bach's concerto for violin in E major, which he himself arranged as a piano concerto, changing the key from E major to D major. The *Adagio* in the violin concerto is in C sharp minor; in the piano concerto in B minor. At the concert in Chicago, it was played in C minor.

The first performance by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston was on March 9, 1907, Dr. Muck conductor. The second was on October 22, 1910, Mr. Fiedler conductor, John P. Marshall, harpsichord. The third was on May 2, 1914, Dr. Muck conductor, Mr. DeVoto pianist; Dr. Koussevitzky conducted the fourth (May 1, 1925), the fifth (January 28, 1927) and sixth (December 6, 1929) performances.

At a concert of the New York Philharmonic Society in Boston—its first concert in Boston—Gustav Mahler, the conductor, put on the programme his arrangement of movements from Suites Nos. 2 and 3, and played a “piano-harpsichord.”

SYMPHONY IN B-FLAT MAJOR, No. 4, OP. 60, LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

The composition of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, in C minor, was not begun before the performance of the “Eroica,” No. 3, and the first public performance of the “Eroica” was at Vienna on April 7, 1805.* Nottebohm found in a sketch-book of Beethoven, dated 1795, notes for a symphony in C minor, and one sketch bears a resemblance to the opening measures of the Scherzo as it is now known to us; but the composition, properly speaking, did not begin until the “Eroica” had been performed. This composition was interrupted by work on the Symphony in B-flat major, No. 4, a symphony of a very different

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character. The symphony was probably planned and composed in the summer of 1806. In September, 1806, Beethoven, writing to Breitkopf and Härtel spoke of a "new" symphony he wished to publish.

After the performance of the "Eroica," Beethoven also worked on his opera, "Fidelio." The French army entered Vienna, November 13, 1805; on the 15th, Napoleon sent to the Viennese a proclamation dated at Schönbrunn, and on November 20, 1805, "Fidelio" was performed for the first time, before an audience largely composed of French officers. There were three performances, and the opera was withdrawn until March 29, 1806, when it was reduced from three acts to two. The opera was again coldly received; there were two performances; and there was no revival in Vienna until 1814.

Beethoven, disturbed by this disaster, went in 1806 to Hungary to visit his friend, Count Brunsvik, and he visited the Prince Lichnowsky at Castle Grätz, which was near Troppau in Silesia. It has been said that at Martonvásár, visiting the Brunsviks, he found that he loved Therese and that his love was returned.* Some, therefore, account for the postponement of the Fifth Symphony, begun before the Fourth, "by the fact that in May, 1806, Beethoven became engaged to the Countess Therese. . . . The B-flat symphony has been mentioned as 'the most tenderly classical' of all works of its kind; its keynote is 'happiness'—a contentment which could have come to the master only through such an incident as the one above set forth—his betrothal." We do not see the force of this reasoning.†

It is better to say with Thayer that nothing is known about the origin of the Fourth beyond the inscription put by the composer on the manuscript which belongs to the Mendelssohn family: "Sinfonia 4^{ta} 1806. L. v. Bthvn."

This we do know: that, while Beethoven was visiting Prince Lichnowsky at the latter's Castle Grätz, the two called on Franz Count Oppersdorf, who had a castle near Grossglogau. This count, born in 1778, rich and high-born, was fond of music; he had at this castle a well-drilled orchestra, which then played Beethoven's Symphony in D major in the presence of the composer. In June, 1807, he commissioned Beethoven to compose a symphony, paid him two hundred florins in advance and one hundred and fifty florins more in 1808. Beethoven accepted the offer, and purposed to give the Symphony in C minor to the count; but he changed his mind, and in November, 1808, the count received, not the symphony, but a letter of apology, in which Beethoven said that he had been obliged to sell the symphony which he had composed for him, and also another,—these were probably the Fifth and the Sixth,—but that the count would receive soon the one intended for him. The Fifth and Sixth were

*See "Beethoven's unsterbliche Geliebte nach persönlichen Erinnerungen," by Mariam Tenger (Bonn, 1890); Prod'homme's "Symphonies de Beethoven" (Paris, 1906), and particularly O. G. Sonneck's remarkable study "The Riddle of the Immortal Beloved; a Supplement to Thayer's Life of Beethoven" (large octavo, 67 pp. New York, 1927).

†"In the last months of 1806, after the visit to the Brunswicks, the placid and serene Fourth Symphony—the most perfect in form of them all—and the noble Violin Concerto; in 1807, the Mass in C, and the C minor Symphony . . . are such the works of a melancholy, gloomy temperament, or of a forlorn, sentimental lover, sighing like a furnace and making 'a woeful ballad to his mistress' eyebrow?"—THAYER-KREHBIEL, "Life of Beethoven."

dedicated respectively to Prince Lobkowitz and Count Rasumowsky. Oppersdorf at last received the Fourth Symphony, dedicated to him, a symphony that was begun before he gave the commission; he received it after it had been performed. He was naturally offended, especially as the Fourth Symphony at first met with little favor. He did not give Beethoven another commission, nor did he meet him again, although Beethoven visited again at the Castle Grätz in 1811. The count died January 21, 1818.

The Fourth Symphony was performed for the first time at one of two concerts given in Vienna about the 15th of March, 1807, at Prince Lobkowitz's. The concert was for the benefit of the composer. The *Journal des Luxus und der Moden* published this review early in April of that year:—

“Beethoven gave in the dwelling-house of Prince L. two concerts in which only his own compositions were performed: the first four symphonies, an overture to the tragedy ‘Coriolanus,’ a pianoforte concerto, and some arias from ‘Fidelio.’ Wealth of ideas, bold originality, and fulness of strength, the peculiar characteristics of Beethoven’s Muse, were here plainly in evidence. Yet many took exception to the neglect of noble simplicity, to the excessive amassing thoughts, which on account of their number are not always sufficiently blended and elaborated, and therefore often produce the effect of uncut diamonds.”

Was this “Prince L.” Lobkowitz or Lichnowsky? Thayer decided in favor of the former.

The first performance in Boston was probably the one at a concert of the Musical Fund Society on December 8, 1849.

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The separate orchestral parts of the Fourth Symphony were published in March, 1809,* by the Bureau of Arts and of Industry at Vienna and Budapest. The complete score in octavo, one hundred and ninety-five pages, was published in 1821 with this title: “4e

*Thayer says 1808, but see the *Intelligenz-Blatt* of the *Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung*, April, 1809, Col. 35.

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An arrangement for pianoforte by Fr. Stein was published early in 1809.

The symphony is scored for flute, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, strings.

No one has written more acutely, and with more poetic appreciation of the symphonies of Beethoven than Hector Berlioz:—

"Here Beethoven abandons wholly the ode and the elegy,"—a reference to the "Eroica" Symphony,—“to return to the less lofty and sombre but perhaps no less difficult style of the Second Symphony. The character of this score is generally lively, nimble, joyous, or of a heavenly sweetness. If we accept the meditative adagio, which serves as an introduction, the first movement is almost entirely given up to joyfulness. The motive in detached notes, with which the allegro begins, is only a canvas, on which the composer spreads other and more substantial melodies, which thus render the apparently chief idea of the beginning an accessory. This artifice, although it is fertile in curious and interesting results, has already been employed by Mozart and Haydn with equal success. But we find in the second section of this same allegro an idea that is truly new, the first measures of which captivate the attention; this idea, after leading the hearer's mind through mysterious developments, astonishes it by its unexpected ending. . . . This astonishing crescendo is one of the most skilfully contrived things we know of in music: you will hardly find its equal except in that which ends the famous scherzo of the Symphony in C minor. And this latter, in spite of its immense effectiveness, is conceived on a less vast scale, for it sets out from piano to arrive at the final explosion without departing from the principal key, while the one whose march we have just described starts from mezzo-forte, is lost for a moment in a pianissimo beneath which are harmonies with vague and undecided coloring, then reappears with chords of a more determined tonality, and bursts out only at the moment when the cloud that veiled this modulation is completely dissipated. You might compare it to a river whose calm waters suddenly disappear and only leave the subterranean bed to plunge with a roar in a foaming waterfall.

"As for the adagio—it escapes analysis. It is so pure in form, the melodic expression is so angelic and of such irresistible tenderness, that the prodigious art of the workmanship disappears completely. You are seized, from the first measure, by an emotion which at the end becomes overwhelming in its intensity; and it is only in the works of one of these giants of poetry that we can find a point of comparison with this sublime page of the giant of music. Nothing, indeed, more resembles the impression produced by this adagio than

*Count Franz von Oppersdorf related to many Austrian noble families—Lobkowitz, Lichnowsky—through blood, marriage, or friendship, was a lover of music. He maintained an orchestra in his castle, and insisted that all the officials in his employ should be able to play an orchestral instrument. His castle was near the town of Ober-Glogau, hardly a day's journey from the castle of Lichnowsky at Grätz. Prince Lichnowsky and Beethoven visited the Count in the fall of 1806. The Count's orchestra then played Beethoven's Symphony No. 2. For a long account of Beethoven's relations with the Count, see Thayer-Krehbiel's "Life of Beethoven," Volume II, pages 122-123.

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that which we experience when we read the touching episode of Francesca da Rimini in the 'Divina Commedia,' the recital of which Virgil cannot hear 'without weeping in sobs,' and which, at the last verse, makes Dante 'fall, as falls a dead body.' This movement seems to have been sighed by the archangel Michael, one day, when, overcome by melancholy, he contemplated the worlds from the threshold of the empyrean.

"The scherzo consists almost wholly of phrases in binary rhythm forced to enter into combinations of 3-4 time. . . . The melody of the trio, given to wind instruments, is of a delicious freshness; the pace is a little slower than that of the rest of the scherzo, and its simplicity stands out in still greater elegance from the opposition of the little phrases which the violins throw across the wind instruments, like so many teasing but charming allurements.

"The finale, gay and lively, returns to ordinary rhythmic forms; it consists of a jingling of sparkling notes, interrupted, however, by some hoarse and savage chords, in which are shown the angry outbursts which we have already had occasion to notice in the composer."

Ferdinand Ries, writing from London in June, 1817, to Beethoven, refers to the "beautiful symphony in A-sharp" as played on the 8th "with extraordinary applause."

The first performance in Paris was by the Conservatory Orchestra, February 21, 1830. In Spain, the symphony was played with the other eight at Madrid in 1878; at Rome, on March 30, 1878; at Leningrad, Damecke heard a performance on March 13, 1853.

PRELUDE AND FUGUE RICCARDO PICK-MANGIAGALLI

(Born at Strakonitz, Bohemia, on July 10, 1882, of a Czech father and an Italian mother; living at Milan)

Riccardo Pick-Mangiagalli was a pupil of the Milan Conservatory, where he took lessons in composition under Vincenzo Ferroni and piano lessons of Vincenzo Appiani. He received his diploma in 1903. He gave concerts in Germany and Austria. German publishers were the first to pay attention to him, but the greater part of his music is published by Ricordi.

The first performance of the Prelude and Fugue in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 11, 1929.

The list of his works includes:

BALLETS: "La Berceuse"; "Il Salice d'Oro" (La Scala, Milan, 1913—it was performed for fourteen successive nights); "Il Carillon Magico" (La Scala, Milan, fall of 1918; also performed at Rome, Florence, Palermo, Varese, Bergamo); "Sumitra" (1917); "Basi e Bote," a lyric comedy in Venetian dialect, text by Arrigo Boito (Argentina Theatre, Rome, March 3, 1927—Mariano Stabile, Arlecchino; Sassone Sost, Colombina; Alessio de Paolis, Florinda; Autori as Pantaleone).

SYMPHONIC WORKS: "Notturmo e Rondo, Fantastico," for orchestra; Symphonic Poem, "Sortilegi" (1918) for pianoforte and orches-

tra; Ballata Sinfonica, for full orchestra; Two Preludes, for orchestra.

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The Notturmo and Rondo Fantastico were performed at Symphony Hall, Boston, on January 7, 1921, by La Scala Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

INTERLUDE FROM "INTERMEZZO: BÜRGERLICHE KOMÖDIE MIT SIMFONISCHEN ZWISCHENSPIELEN" (DOMESTIC COMEDY WITH SYMPHONIC INTERLUDES) RICHARD STRAUSS

(Born at Munich on June 11, 1864; now living at Vienna)

"Intermezzo" was produced at the Dresden Opera House on November 4, 1924. Strauss first entrusted the writing of the libretto to Hofmannsthal, later to Hermann Bahr, the dramatist, known in the United States by his play, "The Concert"; but neither pleased him. Then he wrote the libretto himself, with help from Max Reinhardt.

The first performance of this "Interlude" in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 18, 1929.



Dr. Rudolf Felber of Vienna wrote the preliminary history of this opera and told the story of the action:

"At the time when Richard Strauss was court conductor in Berlin, a letter came to his house one day during his absence, in which a 'bar-lady' asked him for the two tickets he had promised her for the next performance at the opera. Frau Strauss, a lady of very choleric temperament, reacted promptly upon this, by entering on a suit for divorce, of which the unfaithful husband was at once notified by telegraph. By the same means Strauss—who at most pursues unlicensed paths only on music paper—avowed his innocence without, however, being believed by his wife. When at last, convinced of the seriousness of the situation, he hastened home full of anxiety, the matrimonial sky had already cleared, as one of his colleagues, the legitimate addressee of the letter, had explained the misunderstanding and delivered up his guilty-innocent self to the anger of Frau Strauss.

"When the curtain rises we see Court Conductor Robert Storch occupied with the final preparatons for a journey, while as a parting gift his wife hurls some sweet remarks at him, such as that he is not her equal in family; that he is only a plebeian, and that—the very acme of contempt—he is only a music-maker. Finally, after strict injunctions for the journey, he is graciously dismissed with his bottle of milk and his medicine chest. Upon easing her mind to her maid by accusing her husband of diverse failings, she ends by saying

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that his predilection for a nomadic life seems to indicate that he has Jewish blood in his veins. Then she dons her outdoor wraps and goes to seek calm for her disturbed nerves at the skating rink. There she becomes acquainted with the young Baron Lummer, who afterward, at a visit to her in the course of by no means unexciting events, tries to persuade her to lend him 1,000 marks—prewar marks, be it noted. Already disturbed at this, it is high time for the bar-lady's letter to arrive at the house. Hereupon boundless indignation, entrance upon the suit for divorce, and then a touching finale scene, the sorrowing wife weeping at the bedside of the eight-year-old son.

"The second act opens with a card party at which Frau Storch's virtues and vices are discussed. Conductor Storch, entering, dilates on her virtues only, and at this moment he receives as reward the letter notifying him of her suit for divorce. Storch disappears and is later seen wandering disconsolately about in a park, where he meets Conductor Stroh, who explains the mistake and promises to make matters clear to Frau Storch. Finally Storch returns to his wife, who, however, is not ready to make peace at once, but allows him to remain for a while in anxiety as to the outcome. At this he flies into such a rage that she is impressed (see analogous scene between the dyer Barak and his wife in 'The Woman Without a Shadow')* and vows to be kindness itself to him ever afterward."

At Dresden, Correck took the part of Storch; Lotte Lehmann, borrowed from the Vienna State Opera, that of the wife. Fritz Busch conducted.



"In 'Intermezzo,' Strauss has so subordinated his orchestra that there is no hindrance to the dialogue, which runs on in the natural style of everyday life, and is not only heard but understood.

"The lyric element, the spiritual presentation of the action, lies chiefly with the orchestra between acts; the singer is given opportunity for fuller expression in the two closing scenes in the first and second acts. Strauss is particularly insistent as to the driving power of the consonant to pierce through a polyphonic and indiscreet orchestra. The director begged in the study of 'Intermezzo' that special attention be paid to the transition from the spoken, half-spoken, and sung words, that the changes between the spoken, prose, the secco-recitativo, the recitativo accompagnato, and the bel canto be minutely observed. In the distribution of the parts, Strauss allowed no pretensions from the prima donna or the baritone. In 'Intermezzo' there are no opera heroes, but real men; elocution is essential to the presentation of a modern conversation piece."—*New York Times*, November 23, 1924.

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

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"Serenade" and "aubade" are terms that have been loosely used. If one speaks by the card, an aubade is a concert of voice and instruments, or voices alone and instruments alone, given under the window of someone toward daybreak, *quod sub alban*; yet the aubade is often called serenade, even when the concert is in the morning: witness the morning "serenade" in Rossini's "Barber of Seville." During the sixteenth and the seventeenth centuries serenades were exceedingly popular in Germany. They were composed of vocal music or instrumental; sometimes voices and instruments were united. The vocal serenades were usually male trios, quartets, or quintets.

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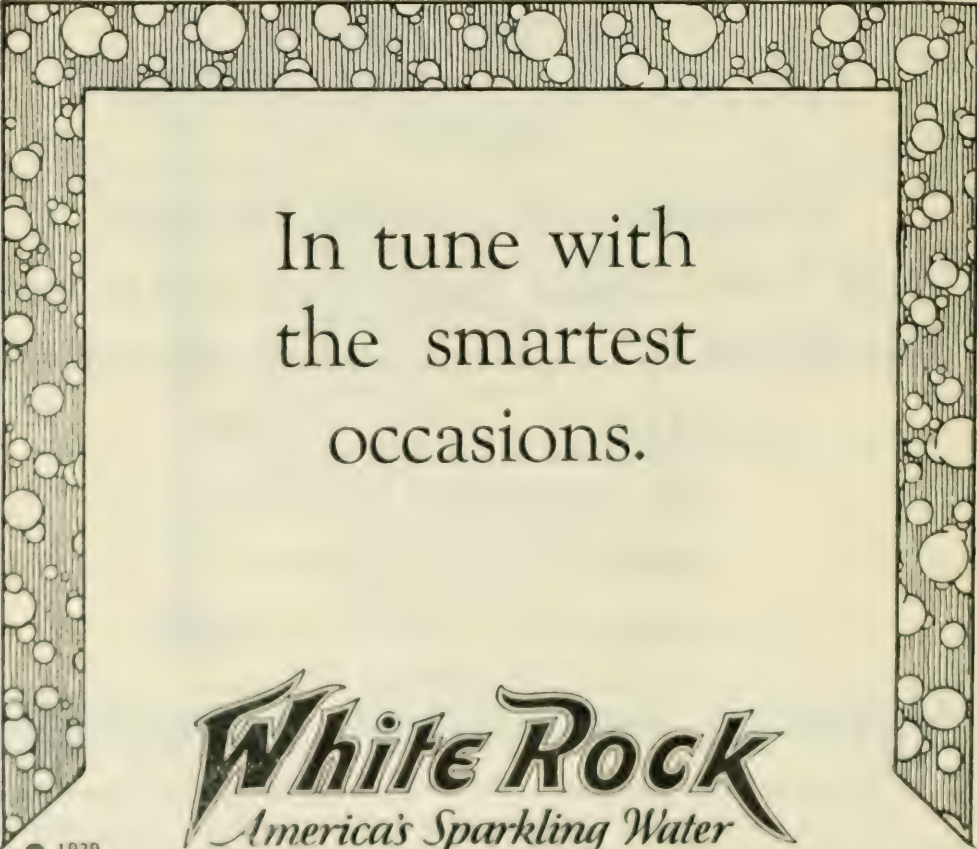
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There were serenades also of wind instruments, with music of the chase, or simple fanfares. There were "torchlight serenades." Rousseau, who defines a serenade as a concert given at night, generally with instruments, insists that the delightful effect was due largely to the darkness, and also to the silence, "which banishes all distraction." Georges Kastner comments on this statement, and adds that the celebrated viola player, the mystic Urban, would never play to his friends unless the blinds of his little room were hermetically closed. Kastner mentions ancient collections of serenades and nocturnes that might be called scholastic, written by Praetorius, Werckmeister, and others, and he classes these works with *quodlibets*.

In the eighteenth century* nearly every prince or rich nobleman had his own orchestra, which on summer evenings played in a park. In cities, as Vienna, there was much music in the streets, music of a complimentary or amorous nature. The music composed for these open-air and evening concerts was also performed in halls.

Short movements for one instrument or several were known in Germany as Parthien, and they were seldom published. Then there

*Even in the sixteenth century, princes and dukes plumed themselves upon their household musicians. The Duchess of Ferrara had her own orchestra, composed of women. What was the composition of this orchestra? Were wind instruments included? Lord Julian, at the Court of Urbino, would have a woman use only instruments of music that were suitable to her: "Imagin with your selfe what an unsightly matter it were to see a woman play upon a tabour or drumm, or blowe in a flute or trompet, or anye like instrumente: and this bicause the boisterousnesse of them doeth both cover and take away that sweete mildenes which setteth so forth everie deede that a woman doeth."—Sir Thomas Hoby's translation of Castiglione's "Il Libro del Cortigiano."



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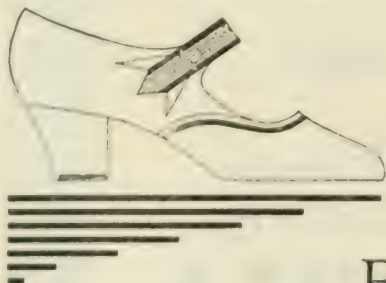
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was the *cassazione*, or cassation, from the Latin *cassatio*. This species of music should have been a piece that brought the end of the concert, an overcoat-and-galoshes piece; but the term was applied to any piece suitable for performance in the open air at night. The serenade, which in form is much like the cassation, was performed during parties, dinners, wedding feasts, in the parlors or the gardens of princes or rich merchants. Haydn and Mozart wrote much music of this nature, but did not always distinguish between the cassation and the serenade, according to Michel Brenet, who says that the serenade always opened with a march, and that the movements were separated by *Minuettos*. The number of movements was from one to ten, and the instruments were from four to six. When the pieces were played in the open air, the parts were not doubled. A cassation of four instruments was played by only four musicians.

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Johann Mattheson believed that a serenade should be played on the water: "Nowhere does it sound better in still weather; and one can there use all manner of instruments in their strength, which in a room would sound too violent and deafening, as trumpets, drums, horns, etc. . . . The chief characteristic of the serenade must be tenderness, *la tendresse*. . . . No melody is so small, no piece so great



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that in it a certain chief characteristic should not prevail and distinguish it from others; otherwise it is nothing. And when one employs a serenade out of its element—I mean effect—in congratulations, pageants, advancement of pupils in schools, etc., he goes against the peculiar nature of the thing. Things of government and military service are foreign to it; for the night is attached to nothing with such intimate friendship as it is to love" ("Kern melodischer Wissenschaft," Hamburg, 1737, p. 101).

The first symphonies of Sammartini (1705-75?) were written for open-air performance, and Mozart wrote his father in 1782 that one Martin had obtained permission to give twelve concerts in the Augarten at Vienna and four "grand concerts of night-music" in the finest squares of the town. Volkmann planned his three serenades for concert-hall use. Brahms applied the term "serenade" to his Op. 11 and Op. 16, which were published in 1860, but Hans Volkmann in his biography of Robert Volkmann (Leipsic, 1903) says that the latter did not know these works of Brahms when he composed his own serenades. Those of Brahms are more in the symphonic manner; while the purpose of Volkmann was perhaps to write music that would satisfy the dictum of the talker reported by Athenæus: "Music softens moroseness of temper; first dissipates sadness, and produces affability and a sort of gentlemen-like joy." Yet Volkmann's third Serenade begins in doleful dumps.

SCYTHIAN SUITE, "ALA AND LOLLI," OP. 20

SERGE SERGIEVICH PROKOFIEFF

(Born at Sontsovka, Russia, April 24, 1891; now living)

This Suite was composed in 1914. The first performance was at the Imperial Maryinski Theatre, Petrograd (now Leningrad) on January 29, 1916. The composer conducted.

The first performance in the United States was by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Chicago on December 6, 1918. The first

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performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on October 24, 1924; there was a second performance on March 2, 1928.

The Suite is scored for piccolo, three flutes, three oboes, English horn, three clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, double-bassoon, eight horns, four trumpets, four trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, side drum, tambourine, cymbals, triangle, celesta, xylophone, bells, two harps, pianoforte, and strings.

The four movements have this programme:

I. Invocation to Veles and Ala. Allegro feroce, 4-4 time. The music describes an invocation to the sun, worshipped by the Scythians as their highest deity, named Veles. This invocation is followed by the sacrifice to the beloved idol, Ala, the daughter of Veles.

II. The Evil-God and dance of the pagan monsters. Allegro sostenuto, 4-4 time. The Evil-God summons the seven pagan monsters from their subterranean realms and, surrounded by them, dances a delirious dance.

III. Night. Andantino, 4-4 time. The Evil-God comes to Ala in the darkness. Great harm befalls her. The moon rays fall upon Ala, and the moon-maidens descend to bring her consolation.

IV. Lolli's pursuit of the Evil-God and the sunrise. Tempestuoso, 4-4 time. Lolli, a Scythian hero, went forth to save Ala. He fights the Evil-God. In the uneven battle with the latter, Lolli would have perished, but the sun-god rises with the passing of night and smites the evil deity. With the description of the sunrise the Suite comes to an end.

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These compositions by Prokofieff have been performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston:

1922. March 3, Song Without Words (Nina Koshetz, singer; Mr. Monteux, conductor).

1924. October 24, Scythian Suite (Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor).

1925. April 24, Violin Concerto (Richard Burgin, violinist). (First performance in the United States.)

1926. January 29, Third piano concerto (Mr. Prokofieff, pianist). April 23, "Sept, ils sont sept," Incantation for tenor (Charles Stratton), chorus (rehearsed by Malcolm Lang), and orchestra. Two performances in the concert. October 8, Suite from the ballet "Chout." November 12, Suite from the opera "The Love for Three Oranges."

1927. January 28, Classical Symphony. March 4, "Sept, ils sont sept," (Mr. Stratton, tenor; Cecilia chorus). April 1, Classical Symphony. October 21, Suite from the ballet, "Le Pas d'Acier."

1928. March 2, Scythian Suite. October 26, Classical Symphony. December 14, Violin Concerto (Lea Luboschutz, violinist).

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(Born at Sontsovka, Russia, April 24, 1891; now living)

This concerto, composed in the spring of 1913, was played in August of that year by Mr. Prokofieff at one of the famous concerts at Pavlovsk near Leningrad. There were several performances after that, with the composer pianist at the symphony concerts at Leningrad; there was also one in 1915 at an Augusteo concert in Rome, directed by Mr. Molinari.

The manuscript score was left in Leningrad when Prokofieff came to the United States in 1918, and was lost with the orchestral parts with other manuscripts when his apartment was confiscated by the decree of the Soviet Government. Sketches of the piano part were saved. They were taken away by the composer's mother in 1921. From these sketches, Mr. Prokofieff in 1923 remade the concerto as it now stands.

The new version differs greatly from the original. While the composer endeavored to leave intact the thematic material and the form of the original version, he at the same time wished to avail himself of the technical resources acquired by him during the ten years that stood between the two versions.

This information and the notes that follow are taken from the programme book of the Koussevitzky concert in Paris when the concerto was performed for the first time in that city on May 8, 1924.

I. Andantino—Allegretto—Andantino. The movement begins with the announcement of the first theme, to which is opposed a second episode of a faster pace in A minor. The piano enters solo in a technically complicated cadenza, with a repetition of the first episode in the first part.

II. Scherzo. This Scherzo is in the nature of a moto perpetuo in sixteenth notes by the two hands in the interval of an octave, while the orchestral accompaniment furnishes a background.



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THREE DANCES TAKEN FROM THE BALLET "THE THREE-CORNERED HAT"
("EL SOMBRERO DE TRES PICOS") MANUEL DE FALLA

(Born at Cadiz, November 23, 1877; now living at Grenada)

I. The Neighbors. II. The Miller's Dance. III. Final Dance.

The score calls for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, side drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, xylophone, tam-tam castanets, celesta, harp, piano, and the usual strings.

"When the Russian Ballet visited Spain, Serge de Diaghilev was so much interested in the work of de Falla that he commissioned him to write a ballet on the subject of Alarcón's novel, 'El Sombrero de Tres Picos.' "*

*Don Antonio Pedro de Alarcón (1833-91) based this famous story, which was first entitled "El Corregidor y la Molinera" ("The Corregidor and the Miller's Wife") on an old Spanish tale which he heard in his youth. In the summer of 1874 he was asked to write a story for a Cuban weekly; but a friend persuaded him to publish it in the *Revista Europea*, Madrid. It appeared in book form a month later, and met with great success. It has been translated into at least seven languages. Librettos for these operas have been derived from it: "Der Corregidor," by Hugo Wolf (Mannheim, June 7, 1896); "Margitta," by Erik Meyer-Helmund (Magdeburg, 1889); "Der Richter von Grenada," by Richard von Perger (Cologne, 1889); "Die Lachtaune," by Eugen Taund (Vienna, 1895).



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This ballet "The Three-cornered Hat" was performed for the first time on any stage by the Russian Ballet at the Alhambra, London, on July 23, 1919. The scenario was arranged by Martinez Sierra; the stage settings and costumes were designed by Pablo Picasso. The Miller, Léonide Massine; the Corregidor, Léon Woisikovsky; the Miller's Wife, Tamar Karsavina; the Corregidor's Wife, Miss Grantzeva; the Dandy, Stanislas Idzikovsky; the Singer, Zoia Rosovsky. Ernest Ansermet conducted.

Joaquin Turina says (*The Chesterian*, May, 1920) that the first version of "The Three-cornered Hat" was produced at the Eslava Theatre, Madrid, under the title of "El Corregidor y la Molinera." Turina was then conducting this theatre's orchestra. The "pantomime" of de Falla was accompanied by only seventeen players. "The composer was confronted with one great difficulty, and that was to follow musically the action of the play without spoiling the unity of his score. The music therefore continually reflected a certain anxiety on the composer's part, as if he were trying to disentangle himself, so to speak, from the external network. The transformation of the 'pantomime' into a ballet at once cleared away all these difficulties. This is quite natural, for in the new version the action became reduced to a strictly indispensable minimum, and the dances became predominant, those already existing being considerably amplified."

Turina finds the Miller's Dance the most interesting, "because of its typically Andalusian character, its fascinating rhythm which is like an affirmation of southern art, and its Moorish character." In the Final Dance the jota and the folk theme called *vito* are introduced.

The *Daily Telegraph* (July 24, 1919) said of the ballet:—

"Over the whole brisk action is the spirit of frivolous comedy of a kind by no means common only to Spain of the eighteenth century. A young miller and his wife are the protagonists, and if their existence be idyllic in theory, it is extraordinarily strenuous in practice—chorographically. But that is only another way of saying that M. Massine and Madame Karsavina, who

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enact the couple, are hardly ever off the stage, and that both of them work with an energy and exuberance that almost leave one breathless at moments. The miller and his wife between them, however, would scarcely suffice even for a slender ballet plot. So we have as well an amorous Corregidor (or Governor), who orders the miller's arrest so that the way may be cleared for a pleasant little flirtation—if nothing more serious—with the captivating wife. Behold the latter fooling him with a seductive dance, and then evading her admirer with such agility that, in his pursuit of her, he tumbles over a bridge into the mill-stream. But, as this is comedy, and not melodrama, the would-be lover experiences nothing worse than a wetting, and the laugh, which is turned against him, is renewed when, having taken off some of his clothes to dry them, and gone to rest on the miller's bed, his presence is discovered by the miller himself, who, in revenge, goes off in the intruder's garments after scratching a message on the wall to the effect that 'Your wife is no less beautiful than mine!' Thereafter a 'gallimaufry of gambols' and—curtain!"

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De Falla has been represented at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston as follows:

1921. December 30, Three Dances from "The Three-Cornered Hat." Mr. Monteux, conductor.

1924. March 28, "Nights in the Gardens of Spain" (Heinrich Gebhard, pianist). Mr. Monteux, conductor. October 17, 1924, "El Amor Brujo" (piano, Mr. Sanromá). Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor.

1926. March 5, "Three Dances" from the "Three-Cornered Hat." Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor. December 31, Concerto for harp-sichord (Wanda Landowska), flute, oboe, clarinet, violin, violoncello. Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor.

1927. October 14, "El Amor Brujo."

1929. January 18, Three Dances from "The Three-Cornered Hat."

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De Falla studied harmony with Alejandro Otero and Enrique Broca. Going to Madrid, he took pianoforte lessons of José Trigo and studied composition with Felipe Pedrell. Before De Falla was fourteen, the Madrid Academy of Music awarded him the first prize

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for pianoforte-playing. Between 1890 and 1904 he was busy as a virtuoso and a composer. About 1900 he wrote light music for the theatre. Having received in 1905, for his opera "La Vida breve," the award offered by the Spanish Academy of Fine Arts, he was enabled to live and compose a little more comfortably. In 1907, going to Paris, he was befriended by Debussy and Dukas. At that time his only published works were *Quatres Pièces Espagnoles*: *Aragonesa*, *Cubana*, *Montañesa*, and *Andaluza* for the pianoforte; and three songs: *Les Colombes*, *Chinoiserie*, and *Seguidille** (words by Gautier. He made his début in Paris as a pianist in 1910. The next year he played in London. In 1905 his opera "La Vida breve" won a prize in Madrid. The opera "La Vida breve" was produced at Nice on April 1, 1913. An American Lillian Grenville,† took the part of *Salud*.‡ This opera was given at Madrid on November 14, 1914. De Falla returned to Spain when the World War broke out. His second work for the stage, an opera, "El Amor Brujo," was suppressed the spoken and sung parts, enlarged the orchestration, and made of it a symphonic suite, 'semi-Abrabian' in style. Pastera Imperio, too, has used this music for her dances."

"Noches en los Jardines de España: En el Generalife, Danse Lejana, and En los Jardines de la Sierra de Córdoba," a suite of

*Sung here by Mme. Eva Gauthier, March 21, 1920.—P.H.

†"Lillian Grenville" (Katherine Goertner), was born in New York on December 23, 1884, educated at a convent in Montreal, and went to Paris in 1901, where she studied singing. She made her first appearance in opera at Nice as *Juliet* on February 15, 1906, having sung at the San Carlo, Naples, the Monnaie, Brussels, Lisbon, Genoa, Milan, and elsewhere. She was a member of the Chicago Opera Company (1910-11), taking the parts of *Mimi*, *Tosca*, *Marguerite*. She "created" leading parts in "Laura," "Fortunio," "Marcella," "Quo Vadis," "L'Auberge Rouge," and Herbert's "Natoma." Her birthday is also given as November 20, 1888.

‡This opera in two acts and four scenes was heard at a public rehearsal at the Opéra-Comique, Paris, on December 30, 1913, also on January 6, 1914, and in March, 1928. Paul Milliet translated Carlos Fernandez Shaw's libretto. The opera was warmly praised by the critics. *Salud*, Mme. Carré; *La Grandmère*, Mlle. Brohly; *Carmela*, Mlle. Syril; *Paco*, Francell; *L'Oncle Sarvaor*, Vieuille. Ruhlmann conducted. One of the critics said that De Falla had been in Spain a pupil of Albeniz. The opera at this theatre was performed publicly for the first time on January 6, 1914. There were eight performances that season. The opera was produced at the Metropolitan, New York, on March 6, 1926.

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Night Pieces, was first performed in 1916 at Madrid. "The thematic material is built, as in 'La Vida breve' or in 'El Amor Brujo' on rhythms, modes, cadences, or forms inspired by but never borrowed from Andalusian folk-song."*

De Falla and his pupil, Rosa Garcia Ascott, played in Paris, on June 3, 1920, his transcription of "Night in Spanish Gardens" for two pianofortes. On May 29, 1920, in Paris, Mme. Madeleine Greslé sang in Spanish "Seven Spanish Folk-Songs" arranged by De Falla, who accompanied her. De Falla's puppet play, "El Retablo de Maese Pedro" was performed (privately) at Paris on June 25, 1923; in New York by the League of Composers on December 29, 1925, at Town Hall, with puppets designed by Remo Bufano. His Concerto for harpsichord (or piano), flute, oboe, clarinet, violin, and violoncello, was performed for the first time at the De Falla Festival held at Barcelona on November 5, 1926. Wanda Landowska played the harpsichord.

He wrote for the guitar "Homenaje" "(Homage)" for the "Tombeau de Claude Debussy." This piece, which is also transcribed for the piano, was published in 1921.

The second book of his songs includes "El Paño moruno," "Seguidilla murciana," "Asturiana," "Jotó," "Nana," "Canción," "Polo." De Falla lives on the Alhambra Mount in Grenada. Joaquin Turina described him in 1920: "Manuel de Falla, with his almost ascetic features, his large forehead, and bright eyes like two glowing embers, might almost be taken for an anchorite. His gentle bearing and invariably courteous manner do not conceal the inflexibility of his ideas, the strength of his principles, and a certain tenacity of purpose."

An elaborate study of De Falla and his composition by Edgar Istel was published in the *Musical Quarterly* (New York) of October, 1926.

*Fragments from "El Amor Brujo" ("Love, the Wizard"), "Danza del fin del día" for pianoforte, and a song for low voice, "Cancion del amor dolido," have been published. An orchestral suite from the ballet was announced in London for performance on November 23, 1921.



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OVERTURE, "PORTSMOUTH POINT" . . . WILLIAM TURNER WALTON

(Born at Oldham, Lancashire, England, on March 29, 1902; now living in London)

This overture was performed for the first time at the third concert of the International Society for New Music on June 22, 1926, in the larger room of the Tonhall, Zurich, Switzerland. Volkmar Andrae of Zurich conducted the overture. The first performance in the United States was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston, Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor, on November 19, 1926; there was a second performance on January 3, 1930.

The programme of the Zurich concert also comprised Hindemith's Concerto for orchestra, Op. 38 (Fritz Busch, conductor); Casella's Partita for piano and orchestra (Walter Giesekeing, pianist; Casella, conductor); Levy's Fifth Symphony for violin (Willem de Boer), trumpet (Ernst Södling), and orchestra (Andrae, conductor); Webern's Five Pieces for orchestra, Op. 10 (Webern, conductor); Ferroud's "Foules" for orchestra (Walther Straram, conductor); Tansman's "Dance de la Sorcière" (Gregor Fitelberg, conductor).

Mr. Walton has sent to us the following note, signed "C. L.": "The title 'Portsmouth Point' is taken from a print by the great English caricaturist Thomas Rowlandson (1756-1827), representing a quayside in the utmost confusion. The music, which is remarkable for its exuberant melodic outline and exhilarating rhythmic syncopation, is so lucid as to render analysis superfluous. The overture enjoys the distinction of being the only work chosen to represent England at the International Festival at Zurich in 1926."

Rowlandson's print was published by T. Tegg in 1814. The following quotation from "The Portsmouth Road: The Sailors' Highway," by Charles G. Harper, describes the print:

"Here, where the stone stairs lead down into the water, is Portsmouth Point. Mark it well, for from this spot have embarked countless fine fellows to serve King and country afloat. What would we not give for a moment's glimpse of 'Point' (as Portsmouth folk call it, with a brevity born of everyday use) just a hundred years ago!" (This book was first published in 1895. We quote from the second and revised edition, published in 1923 by Edwin Valentine Mitchell of Hartford, Conn.) "Fortunately, the genius of Rowlandson has preserved for us something of the appearance of Portsmouth Point at that time, when war raged over nearly all the civilized world, when wooden ships rode the waves buoyantly, when battles were the rule and peace the exception.

"The Point was in those days simply a collection of taverns* giving upon the harbor and the stairs, whence departed a continuous stream of officers and men of the navy. It was a place throbbing with life and excitement—the sailors going out and returning home; the leave-takings, the greetings, the boozing and the fighting are all shown in Rowlandson's drawing as on a stage, while the tall ships form an appropriate background, like the back-cloth of a theatrical scene. It is a scene full of humor. Sailors are leaning on their arms out of

*Rowlandson's print also shows second-hand clothing shops; a pawn shop with the sign "Moses Levy, Money lent." and cheap lodging houses.—P. II.

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window; a gold-laced officer bids good-bye to his girl, while his trunks are being carried down the stairs; a drunken sailor and his equally drunken woman are belaboring one another with all the good will in the world, and a wooden-legged sailor man is scraping away for very life on a fiddle and dancing grotesquely to get a living."

Rowlandson also shows small craft pulling off to the ships; luggage, spirit-casks, packages wheeled or shouldered. A lady is in a sedan chair. A drunken girl is borne off on the shoulders of a sailor.

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"Façade" was produced at the Chenil Galleries, London, on April 27, 1926. The audience was warned that it might regard "Façade" as an entertainment and that it need not repress any impulse to laugh if it felt one. The megaphone was placed in "the mouth of a big face painted half in white, half in pink, on the curtain. The orchestra, behind this curtain, consisted of piccolo, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, violoncello, and percussion."

Ernest Newman wrote of "Façade": "How much I enjoyed the fun may be estimated from the fact that I—a critic—actually not only stayed to the end but added my voice and my umbrella to the clamor for encores of the best 'items' long after the official proceedings were finished."

"Mr. Sitwell, in his prefatory remarks, half hinted, apologetically, that the speaker of the words might not be able to get them all 'over,' but that if we happened to miss any of them there was always the music to fall back upon. His scruples were unnecessary. It is true that against the jolly stridencies of Mr. Walton's scoring what we got from the megaphone was often sound rather than sense, but for my part I felt that one or two of the poems were rather improved than otherwise by our not being able to catch the words. We got the essential things all right, such as—

Or the sound of the onycha
When the phoca has the pica
In the palace of the Queen Chinee!

(from the 'Trio for Two Cats and a Trombone'). But really, the words mattered very little, in the majority of cases, as against the music.

"The experience was another illustration of how necessary it is to find the right instrument for a tune, in poetry as in music. If I have missed, in my study, the inner meaning of some of Miss Sitwell's ingeniously wrought verses, it was because in my innocence I read them as I would read ordinary poetry. Mr. Osbert Sitwell (if it were he at the back of the megaphone), showed me that they really demand a method of reading of their own. Get Kreisler to play one of Paul Whiteman's shirt-sleeves tunes on his violin, and the tune will sound nothing. Hear the free-and-easy thing on the trombone or the baritone saxophone, and you are bound to admit that it has its qualities and its virtues; with tunes, as with people, the clothes are almost as important as what is inside them. Now when I read this of Miss Sitwell's:—

Long steel brass—
The white soldiers pass—
The light is braying like an ass.

Her eyes' gasconade
And her gown's parade
(As stiff as a brigade).
Tee-hee!

Beside the castanetted sea
Where stocks Il Capitaneo
Swaggart braggadocio
Sword and moustachio—
He

Is green as a cassada
And his hair is an Armada!

Beelzebub called for his syllabub in the hotel at Hell,

the device of the broken line misses fire with me, because I am not used to that sort of thing in the poetry I was brought up on. But when the megaphone bellows the words at me with a sledge-hammer insistence on the 'See,' 'Flee,' 'When,' and 'Sir,' I get the poet's idea, and, I must confess, enjoy it.

“These, in fact, are saxophone tunes, not violin melodies, and must be played on the right instrument, with the right technique, and in the right spirit. The reciter brought out also all sorts of queer delightful

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rhythms and cross-rhythms and unexpected stabbing accents that gave me, as a musician whose trade is in these things and who therefore knows what's what where they are concerned, a vast delight. It is all very well for old-fashioned purists to say that poetry should not be read through a megaphone. The answer is that the Sitwells know what they are driving at better than we do, and that, beyond a doubt, Tuesday's reading of some of these poems gave us a delight in them that we had not previously felt. To hear Osbert and the megaphone pounding out—

THE
Trumpet and the drum,
And the martial cornet come
To make the people dumb—
But WE
Won't wait for sly-foot night

with a rhythm and an accent like those of a military march, was to see the poem—for the first time with many of us—from the poet's point of view.

"But the entertainment owed a great deal also to Mr. Walton's music. All I knew of this young man's before Tuesday was a horrible quartet of his that was given at the Royal College three or four years ago. On the strength of this, I take leave to dislike intensely Mr. Walton's serious music—if, indeed, that quartet *was* serious and *was* music, both of which I doubt. But as a musical joker he is a jewel of the first water. Not all the 'Façade' music came off, it is true. Some of it was too imitative of the sort of thing we used to hear in the great days of about 1920, when M. Diaghileff was writing—or at all events signing—those wonderful letters to the papers in which a new scheme of musical values was foreshadowed, Beethoven and Brahms and Elgar being reduced to the status of mere straphangers by the Stravinskys and Saties and Prokofieffs and Milhauds of the new dawn. Here and there Mr. Walton could be seen diving into that sequestered and now stagnant pool and coming up with bits of Stravinsky sticking in his honest English hair; indeed, now and then the music was so like Stravinsky that it might have been written by Eric Fogg.

"But when the true-born Briton settled down to the true-born Briton's historic rôle of guying things that have a natural touch of absurdity about them, he was, as the modern stylist would say, priceless. Here is obviously a humorous musical talent of the first order; nothing so good in the mock-serious line of music has been heard for a long time as the 'Valse,' the 'Polka,' the 'Jodelling Song' and 'I do like to be beside the seaside'; and the deft workmanship, especially in the orchestration, made the heart of the listening musician glad.

"The curious thing was the happiness of the correspondence between all the factors of the affair, the music, the words, the megaphone, and the piquant phrasing of the lines by the reciter were as much born of each other's bone and flesh of each other's flesh as the words and the music are of each other in 'Tristan' or 'Pelléas.' At its best, 'Façade' was the jolliest entertainment of the season. . . . And Mr. Walton ought to seek out a librettist after his own heart and give us a little musical comedy in the jazz style."

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SYMPHONY, E MINOR—C MAJOR, No. 2

ARNOLD EDWARD TREVOR BAX

(Born at London, England, November 6, 1883; living in London)

This symphony, dedicated to Serge Koussevitzky, was published in 1929. The first performance anywhere was in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on December 13, 1929. There was a second performance in Boston led by Dr. Koussevitzky on January 3, 1930. The score calls for these instruments: three flutes (the third interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, English horn, three clarinets, in A and B-flat, bass clarinet in A and B-flat, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tenor tuba, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, side drum, tambourine, cymbals, xylophone, Glockenspiel, tam-tam, celesta, piano, two harps, organ, and the usual strings.

Mr. Bax, in a letter dated London, November 22, regretting that engagements prevent him from hearing the first performance of his symphony, wrote: "I particularly want to hear this work, as I put a great deal of time (and emotion) into the writing of it." He says nothing about the contents of the work except that the end "should be very broad indeed, with a kind of oppressive catastrophic mood. . . . I am confident that this symphony will receive a finer first performance than any previous work of mine." In a later letter he stated that the symphony was composed in 1924-1925. "There is absolutely no communicable programme associated with the music, which is entirely, severely 'absolute' as a classical work." He called attention to the cyclic character of the form and to the persistence in all the three movements of a three-note figure.

The symphony is in three movements:

I. *Molto moderato*, 4-4. The introduction advances a rugged theme strongly rhythmized for wind instruments. *Allegro moderato*. There are many changes of tempo, as *moderato semplice* for a section introduced by flutes, *molto largamente*, "riotously," etc.

II. *Andante*, B major, 3-4, 4-4.

III. After a prelude *poco largamente*, 4-4, comes an *Allegro feroce*, C major, for full orchestra. The thematic material is worked until, after stormy measures for full orchestra with organ, there is a *diminuendo* to *pianissimo*.

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Bax was educated musically at the Royal Academy of Music, London, which he entered in 1900. He studied the pianoforte with Tobias Matthay; composition with Frederick Corder (1900-1905). He was

known as one of the most brilliant students in the history of the Academy. His early works are the pianoforte Trio (1906); "Fatherland," for tenor solo, chorus, and orchestra (1907); the orchestral poem "Into the Twilight" (1908), which has been discarded, and a string quintet of which only an "Interlude" has been retained. The works that survive Bax's criticism are dated beginning with 1909. Leaving the Royal Academy in 1905, he went to Ireland, where he lived in the western region of that country. Later he went to Dublin, and was associated with the writers and the artists of the "Irish Renaissance." In 1910 Bax visited Russia for a short time. The pianoforte pieces "May Night in the Ukraine," "Gopak," and the remarkable "In a Vodka Shop" were the result.

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Mr Edwin Evans of London contributed an article on Arnold Bax to *Modern Music* of November-December, 1927. He said in part:

"If, as so many critics maintain, classification is of the devil, then Arnold Bax is to be congratulated upon his escape. Of all contemporary British composers, he is the most difficult correctly to classify. He corresponds to none of the labels which pass as current coin today. He is neither an impressionist, nor an expressionist; neither a revolutionary, nor that still more subversive apparition, a neo-classicist. Atonality, polytonality, and linear counterpoint may all be met with in his later works and doubtless quarter-tones would be there also if he felt that he needed them, but none of these technical seasonings mean anything in his still comparatively young life beyond their use as seasoning the fare he has to offer us. Some say he is not a modernist—whatever that may mean—but he certainly is no conservative, nor is he a traditionalist except in the praiseworthy sense in which every heir to the *materia musica* of his predecessors and in fact every artist is under obligation to the material in which he works. Those critics who must classify at all costs have discovered that there is only one label that fits him: romantic; and that fits him because, in one way or another, it fits every artist with the love of beauty in his soul. That the term should in our day have acquired frumpish associations is a mere verbal accident that reflects not upon romance but upon ourselves. As everyone knows,

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"But there is one quality which Bax possesses in abundance, and which in our world of atonality and jazz is so rare that its possession in itself is romantic. And it is this quality which has caused the label to stick. It is the musical equivalent of the lyrical impulse in poetry, the attribute which causes utterance to take spontaneously beautiful forms, irrespective of all else. In the true lyric poet the sentiment and the expression are so closely linked as to be practically identical. He does not express in the ordinary sense. He feels, and therefore he sings. And if he is of the elect, his song will have all its euphony without the intervention of the craftsman, whose task has as much to do with this initial beauty as the frame-maker's with the picture. Bax has, in a rare measure, this innate quality. His thoughts may be unequal, but even in the most debatable of them there lurks always this element of lyrical beauty, to the rich vein of which is due the fluency and abundance which has at times been ascribed to technical facility. While so many modern musicians are racking themselves with constructive energy, this one oozes music through his pores because there is so much of it within him that he can scarcely contain it."

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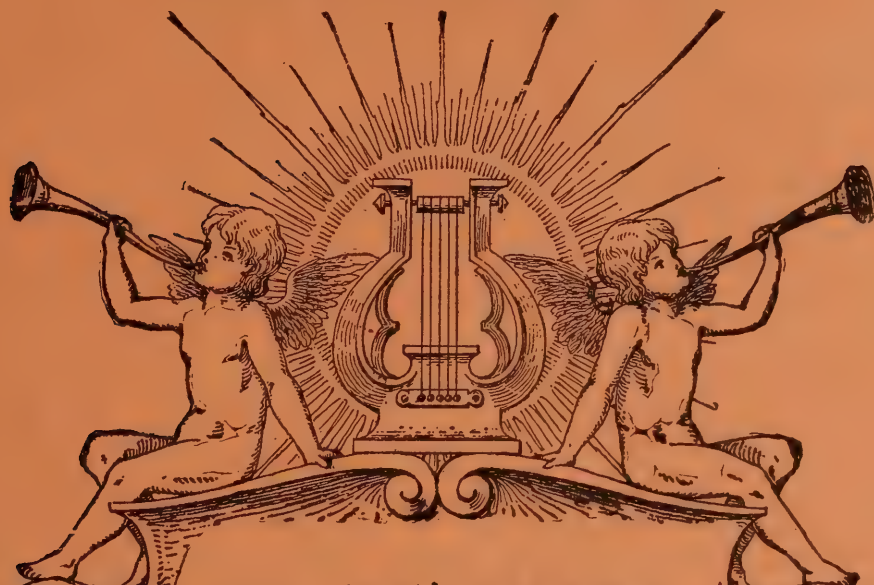
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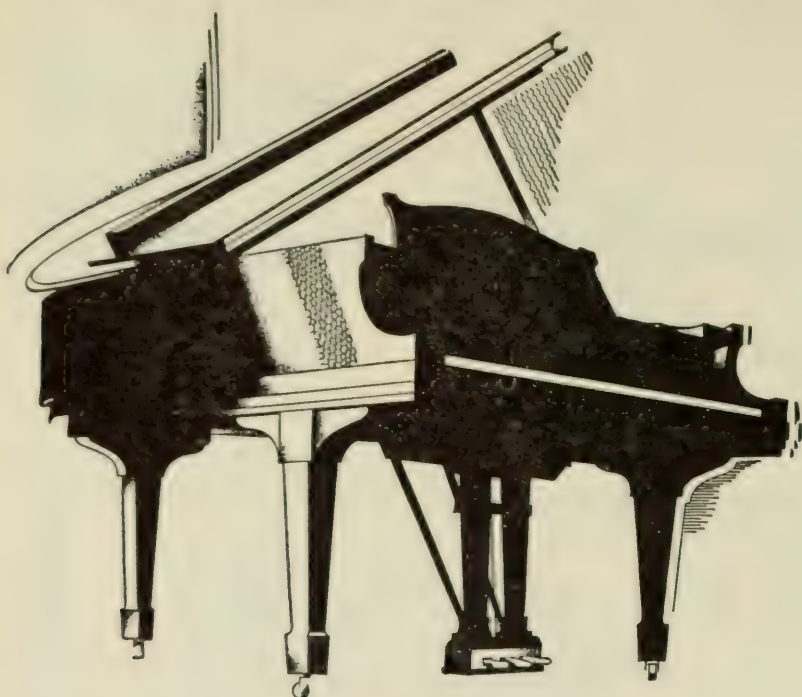
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JOSEPH HAYDN

(Born at Rohrau-on-the-Leitha on April 1, 1732; died at Vienna on May 31, 1809)

This symphony, composed in 1765,* is known as "Mit dem Horn-signal"; also as "Auf den Anstand."† The music has the joy of the chase. One remembers that Haydn wrote another symphony, "La Chasse" (1781), which has been performed at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He gave titles to certain symphonies; others supplied titles to some. The title often had reference to the "pro-

*Haydn was then the second Kapellmeister in the service of Prince Nikolaus Joseph Esterhazy, who maintained an orchestra at Eisenstadt. Haydn had in 1761 filled this position under Prince Paul Anton Esterhazy, who died in 1762. Gregorius Joseph Werner was the first Kapellmeister. When he died in 1766, Haydn succeeded him and remained at Eisenstadt until 1790, when Prince Anton, the son of Paul Anton, dismissed the orchestra. Haydn then moved to Vienna. The Esterhazy orchestra numbered fifteen members when Haydn was called there. Under Nikolaus Joseph, it was increased to thirty (without singers). Haydn's first symphony was written in 1759, when he was the musical director of Count Morzin's Orchestra at Lukavec near Pilsen.

†*Anstand* meant originally "address, bearing, deportment, dignity"; then, "delay, suspension, pause"; also, "hesitation, doubt, apprehension."

In hunting it meant "a stand, a hiding-place (to lie in wait for game)." *Auf den Anstand gehen*—"to go shooting from a hiding-place," etc. This definition evidently applies to the second title of the symphony.

The German dictionary of the eighteenth century that is at hand does not give this last definition. Christian Ludwig's "Teutsch (*sic*) Englisches Lexicon" (Leipsic, 1765), contains many curious colloquial expressions, phrases, even slang terms—a most readable book of 2,370 double columns, quarto—but the hunting term is not mentioned.

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This symphony is noteworthy because the score calls for four horns. This is the first instance, it is believed, that so many horns were employed in a symphony. There are four horns for the hunters' chorus in Haydn's "Seasons," so that the symphony seems to some a preparatory study. The score also calls for one flute, two oboes, and the usual strings.

I. Allegro, D major, 3-4. The first theme is in two sections: first, the horn call; the second, as a distant answer. A figure is introduced at the end of this second section that was a favorite one with Mozart—as in the "Jupiter" Symphony. There are quieter melodic measures. The flute introduces the horns for a second theme, with succeeding measures for the strings. In the working-out section following this last subject, but inverted, comes the second theme also the earlier echoing answer. The repetition section begins with the supplementary theme, now in D minor, the "answer-

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ing" section in D major; there is a passing reference to the quieter, more melodic measures; finally, the ending of the movement with the first section of the first theme. In Haydn's catalogue, the tempo is given as *Larghetto*, but this is probably due to some error.

II. *Adagio*, G major, 6-8. Only horns and strings are employed. The most important thematic material is in the opening solo for violin, with its ornamented melody. Horns are in dialogue with this violin and a solo violoncello. Horns at once take the beginning of the theme for the solo violin. In this movement, the horns are used in two keys, D and G. The *Adagio* has somewhat the character of a *Sicilienne*, in the accompaniment to the melody as in the melody itself.

III. *Menuet*, D major, 3-4. A sturdy movement in which all the instruments are simultaneously engaged; but in the *Trio*, D major, 3-4, there is alternate play of instruments.

IV. The *Finale*—*Molto moderato*—*Presto*, has an unusual character. The strings play a quiet theme in simple song-form. Then follow seven variations:

1. Two oboes and two horns, accompanied by strings.
2. Violoncello solo, with strings accompanying.
3. Flute solo, with strings.
4. Horn quartet, with strings. The first horn part goes to *F*-sharp.
5. Violin solo, with strings.
6. The full orchestra. The theme is not changed melodically or harmonically, but the instrumentation differs from that of the first entrance. The orchestra remains *piano* throughout the variation.
7. Violoncello solo, with strings. A short passage leads to a *Presto* in 3-4. Figures in sixteenth notes, until *A* is held in the



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upper voice (first violins, two horns), while a new theme enters. It is repeated in echo fashion, and then the first theme of the first movement brings the end.

Some—Deldevez among them—refer to this symphony as *Concertante* on account of the solo parts.

JAZZ-SUITE FOR ORCHESTRA, OP. 28 LOUIS GRUENBERG

(Born in Russia on August 3, 1883; living in Brooklyn, N.Y.)

When this Suite was performed for the first time anywhere at Cincinnati, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, on March 22, 1929, Fritz Reiner, conductor, a pencil note in the score stated that the first movement was composed and completed December 15, 1925. The last movement bore only one word in the score—"Paris." The Suite was then in manuscript. Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati is the author of the following synopsis:

"I. Fox Trot tempo (*Allegro ben ritmico*). A bassoon begins the dance with down-rushing flutes, plucking strings, and muted trumpets. Flutes and other woodwinds continue to revel. Trombones slide softly; next bassoons and clarinets, then a solo viola. But the voices follow upon one another too fast to record. Two trumpets rise above the other instruments in a langourous jazz-phrase, followed by a rhythmic 'break' by the woodwinds. Again the trumpets, then the horns, then the trombones. First violins rise to a long-drawn song of a decidedly blue color, increasing in power

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with rapid intakes of breath, culminating in a stuttering trumpet. The violins sing, and are answered by the brasses. Now the orchestra rises to a tutti syncopation, followed by the woodwinds. This is followed by a slow dance-song by the contra-bassoon and other woodwinds. This is further developed, and finally the movement comes to an end, pizzicato.

“II. Boston Waltz tempo (*Valse lento e molto languido*). Against a soft tremulous accompaniment of strings begins the waltz. In the intervals between its phrases there are elaborate figures in the woodwinds and string—also strange cackles by other of the brasses. First woodwinds and then the first violins continue the dance-strain in broader and more lyric fashion. Suddenly the tempo shifts to Presto, and for a few measures the waltz swirls dizzily, then returns to its former measured pace. Then follow several of these frenetic interludes, and the movement comes to a close (in the strings and bassoons).

“III. Blues tempo, slow drag (*Moderato ma non troppo*). Horns begin the blues; the ‘break’ is in muted trumpets, bassoon, and a muted trombone. Strings meanwhile descend chromatically. Next the violoncellos have the song. Then it leaps about grotesquely from voice to voice, always with elaborate rhythmic figures between the phrases. And thus it continues, with occasional climaxes of richer tone by the orchestra, and the movement again comes to a soft close.

“IV. One-step tempo (*Allegro assai*). In contrast with the preceding movement, gayety and movement now reign. The orchestra beats out a rapid and decided tempo, against which the strings begin to leap. The trumpet, the mainstay of jazz, replies. The dance-phrases are lengthened out in both. We cannot follow the entire

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movement in detail. Its main characteristic is the inexorable march of the tempo with its one-two beat. Occasionally there are little interludes, as of bassoon and bass-clarinet at one place. The Suite concludes in a wild blare, to which the orchestra rises by chromatic steps."

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The Suite was performed in Los Angeles by the Philharmonic Orchestra of that city, Dr. Artur Rodzinski, conductor, on January 30, 1930.

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Gruenberg's symphonic poem, "The Enchanted Isle," was performed in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on November 8, 1929.

His "Daniel Jazz" was performed in Boston at a concert of the Chamber Music Club and the Flute Players Club in Jordan Hall on April 23, 1928. Colin O'More, tenor, sang the text of Vachel Lindsay's poem; Richard Burgin conducted the Chamber Orchestra. The programme also included Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" (Greta Torpadie, singer), Stravinsky's Octet for wind instruments, and Hindemith's "Marienlider" (Miss Torpadie, singer; Mr. Tillotson, pianist).

Among his compositions are "Creation"; "Vagabondia" (first performance in Prague by the Prague Philharmonic); a Ballet, "the book, which I wrote myself, standing in the way of a production"; "The Dumb Wife"* opera in two acts, "never produced because of

*Is this opera based on Anatole France's "Comédie de celui qui épousa une femme muette," produced at the Porte Saint-Martin, Paris, on May 30, 1912, with Mlle. de Pouzols taking the part of Catherine? The play was seen in Boston with Lillah McCarthy as Catherine in the translation made by Curtis Hidden Page for Granville Barker.

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failure of obtaining the performing rights"; the music of an opera-libretto by Busoni, "The Bride of the Gods"; sonatas for violin and piano, a symphony, a piano concerto, songs, and piano pieces.



Mr. Gruenberg came to the United States in 1885 and was educated in the public schools of New York. He took piano lessons of Adele Margulies. He later studied at the master school of the Vienna Conservatory; still later, with Busoni, piano-playing and composition. He also studied composition at Berlin with Fr. E. Koch. Having toured in European countries as a pianist, he returned to the United States with Busoni. In 1919 he played at a recital in New York some of his own compositions, among them "Five Impressions based on Oriental Themes." He is one of the founders of the American Composers' Guild; a director of the International Composers' Guild; president of the United States section of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

"SCHELOMO" ("SOLOMON"), HEBREW RHAPSODY FOR VIOLONCELLO AND ORCHESTRA ERNEST BLOCH

(Born at Geneva, Switzerland, July 24, 1880; living at San Francisco, Calif.)

"Schelomo" was composed at Geneva, Switzerland, in the first two months of 1916. With the "Trois Poèmes Juifs" (composed in 1916 and played in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, March 23, 1917), the Three Psalms—114, 137, and 22 (1912–14—Psalms 114 and 137 were sung in Boston by Mme. Povla Frijsh at



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a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, November 14, 1919), and the symphony "Israel" (1913-18), it is that portion of Mr. Bloch's work that is peculiarly Hebraic in character. In a letter to the writer of these Programme Books in 1917, Mr. Block mentioned a "Symphonie Orientale" on Jewish themes, a Jewish opera, "Jézabel," on which he had begun work, and numerous sketches for other Jewish works. He also wrote at the time that the Psalms, "Schelomo," and "Israel" were more representative than the "Jewish Poems" because they came from the passion and the violence that he believed to be the characteristics of his nature. "It is not my purpose, not my desire, to attempt a 'reconstitution' of Jewish music, or to base my works on melodies more or less authentic. I am not an archæologist. I hold it of first importance to write good, genuine music, *my* music. It is the Jewish soul that interests me, the complex, glowing, agitated soul, that I feel vibrating throughout the Bible: the freshness and naïveté of the Patriarchs; the violence that is evident in the prophetic books; the Jew's savage love of justice; the despair of the Preacher in Jerusalem; the sorrow and the immensity of the Book of Job; the sensuality of the Song of Songs. All this is in us; all this is in me, and it is the better part of me. It is all this that I endeavor to hear in myself and to transcribe in my music: the venerable emotion of the race that slumbers way down in our soul."

"Schelomo" was performed in New York at a concert of the Society of the Friends of Music on May 3, 1917, Hans Kindler, violoncellist. The orchestral score was published in 1918. The piece was performed in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Mr. Kindler, violoncellist, on October 27, 1922. The first performance



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in Boston was at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Jean Bedetti, violoncellist, April 13, 1923.

The *Musical Quarterly* of January 1921, published a translation by Theodore Barker of Guido M. Gatti's estimate of "Schelomo" contributed to *La Critica Musicale* of April—May, 1920:—

"The Hebrew rhapsody for solo violoncello with orchestra bears the name of the great king *Schelomo* (Solomon). In this, without taking thought for development and formal consistency, without the fetters of a text requiring interpretation, he has given free course to his fancy; the multiplex figure of the founder of the Great Temple lent itself, after setting it upon a lofty throne, and chiseling its lineaments, to the creation of a phantasmagorical entourage of persons and scenes in rapid and kaleidoscopic succession. The violoncello, with its ample breadth of phrasing, now melodic and with moments of superb lyricism, now declamatory and with robustly dramatic lights and shades, lends itself to a reincarnation of Solomon in all his glory, surrounded by his thousand wives and concubines, with his multitude of slaves and warriors behind him. His voice resounds in the devotional silence, and the sentences of his wisdom sink into the heart as the seed into a fertile soil: 'Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth forever. . . . He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.' . . . At times the sonorous voice of the violoncello is heard predominant amid a breathless and fateful obscurity throbbing with persistent rhythms; again, it blends in a phantasmagorical paroxysm of polychromatic tones shot through with silvery

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clangors and frenzies of exultation. And anon one finds oneself in the heart of a dream-world, in an Orient of fancy, where men and women of every race and tongue are holding argument or hurling maledictions; and now and again we hear the mournful accents of the prophetic seer, under the influence of which all bow down and listen reverently. The entire discourse of the soloist, vocal rather than instrumental, seems like musical expression intimately conjoined with the Talmudic prose. The pauses, the repetitions of entire passages, the leaps of a double octave, the chromatic progressions, all find their analogues in the Book of Ecclesiastes—in the versicles, in the fairly epigraphic reiteration of the admonitions ('and all is vanity and vexation of spirit'), in the unexpected shifts from one thought to another, in certain *crescendi* of emotion that end in explosions of anger or grief uncontrolled."

Mr. Lawrence Gilman, editor of the Philadelphia Orchestra's Programme Books, wrote when "Schelomo" was performed in Philadelphia:—

"The texture of the music, and especially the writing for the solo violoncello, is extraordinary in its richness of dramatic, poetical, and pictorial suggestion—an imaginative projection of singular vividness and intensity. The violoncellist and the seconding orchestra are by turns lyrist and tragedian, poet and seer. The great king amid his gorgeousness, reflecting in disillusionment upon his silver and his gold, the treasures of his provinces, the abundance of his gardens and his orchards, the fulfilled desires of his heart and eyes; and the Preacher, sombre and mournful in his acrid wisdom, uttering bitter admonitions as he contemplates the vanishing mist that is all delight, the sorrowing echoes of beauty and splendor, 'the shadows of rippled waters, the mysterious reflections of a destiny unguessed and unascertainable,' the rumor of the darkening Wings; these thoughts are implicit in the imaginings of the tone-poet—in the poignant chief subject for the violoncello, with its characteristic figure of a dotted eighth-note, that is heard after the opening five bars of introduction (*Più animato*, 12-8, 'with the utmost expression'); in the piercing outbursts of despair that invoke the full voicing of the orchestra; in the strange and impressive recitatives for the bassoon and other solo voices—ultimately, with mordant power, for two trumpets fortissimo—which are as the sombre exhortations of the Preacher; in the intervals of sensuous lyricism and imperial pageantry; in the final descent into the depths, the brooding of the violoncello filling the music with the darkness of shut doors and shadowed windows and resolving dust."

It is perhaps unnecessary to say that Solomon was not the author of that strange book "Ecclesiastes," or "Koheleth." The book is post-exilic in date. It was written either in the last century of Persian rule, when the empire of Cyrus gradually broke up (in the fourth century), or in the period of the later Ptolemies and Seleucids, "in a corrupt Hellenistic period" (in the third century). The background is not at all that of Solomon's time, but post-Solomonic. It is reasonable to suppose that the author was a scribe, a leading Jew, in the territory of a king subject to the Persians. "Ecclesiastes" is a monologue which, in the opinion of some commentators, conceals a real dialogue. Mr. W. L. Courtney in "The Literary Man's Bible" says of it: "Its philosophy, such as it is (and it may be derived from the Greek), is Epicurean, or rather Cyrenaic combined with a weary pessimism. Sometimes it is like Omar Khayyám, sometimes like Euripides or Leopardi. Occasionally the author puts in phrases of a quite opposite tenor, and quite inconsistent with his general position, perhaps, to put himself right with the orthodox party. But he never gives up his belief in God, he is no atheist, and his last chapter (XII) is fine. Koheleth=the preacher, is, of course, a mask for anonymity. His general position is this: (i) Nature does not progress, it merely recurs. (ii) Man's work is futile, because it has no continuity and no endurance. (iii) Only chance regulates the world: there is no purpose, no artistic justice. (iv) There is no future world to put this one straight. (v) Better enjoy what you can. Austerity is of no avail; one should be neither over-good, nor over-bad. Do not take life too seriously. But make your account with God. Walk carefully, as you come to the house of God. Say as little as you can, for whatever you say will be used against you. It is only because the book is supposed

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“The sun hides not Virginia’s Dismal Swamp,” says Herman Melville in “Moby Dick,” “nor Rome’s accursed Campagna, nor wide Sahara, nor all the millions of miles of deserts and of griefs beneath the moon. The sun hides not the ocean, which is the dark side of this earth, and which is two-thirds of this earth. So, therefore, that mortal man who hath more of joy than sorrow in him, that mortal man cannot be true,—not true, or undeveloped. With books the same. The truest of all men was the Man of Sorrows, and the truest of all books is Solomon’s, and Ecclesiastes is the fine hammered steel of woe. ‘All is vanity.’ ALL. This wilful world hath not got hold of unchristian Solomon’s wisdom yet. But he who dodges hospitals and jails, and walks fast crossing graveyards, and would rather talk of operas than hell; calls Cowper, Young, Pascal, Rousseau, poor devils all of sick men; and throughout a carefree lifetime swears by Rabelais as passing wise, and therefore jolly;—not that man is fitted to sit down on tombstones, and break the green damp mould with unfathomably wondrous Solomon.”

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FILIP LAZĂR

(Born at Craiova, Roumania, on May 18, 1894; living at Paris)

This concerto was composed in 1929. Lazăr's "Music for an Orchestra" was performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, for the first time anywhere, on March 23, 1928. His "Tziganes" ("Gypsies"), a Scherzo, was played for the very first time at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 29, 1926. Dr. Koussevitzky conducted both performances.

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Lazăr entered the Bucharest Conservatory of Music when he was nine years old. He studied the pianoforte with Emilie Saegin, and theory with D. C. Kiriac. From 1909 to 1913 his teacher of harmony, counterpoint, and fugue was Alfonso Castaldi. At the Leipsic Conservatory of Music (1913-14), Lazăr took pianoforte lessons of Robert Teichmüller. His teacher in composition was Stephan Krehl.* A pianoforte sonata showing the strong influence of Schumann and Brahms was written by Lazăr at this period. He returned to Roumania a few days before the war broke out. In 1915 he re-entered the military school, and remained there until Roumania declared war against the central Allies. He served actively in the army, was cited in an "order of the day," and he received the Roumanian War Cross.

The list of his compositions includes a violin sonata (1919), which was awarded the second national prize for composition; in 1920-22 he composed some orchestral pieces, his first attempts in large musical form; in 1924 he wrote a pianoforte suite, "Bagatelle," for double bass or violoncello with piano; "Divertissement," for full orchestra—all of which are published by Universal Edition. In 1924 he composed two Folk Choruses (*M S.*); in 1925, Two Roumanian Folk Dances (Oxford University Press); 1926 "Deux Chansons d'amour et une autre gaie" (Durand, Paris).

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Le Ménestrel of January 3, 1930, announced the performance of Lazăr's "Ring" by the Orchestre Symphonique de Paris, M. Gorgesco, conductor, on January 10.

*Krehl, born at Leipsic in 1864, a pupil of the Leipsic Conservatory, taught the piano and theory in 1889 at the Carlsruhe Conservatory; in 1907, at the Leipsic Conservatory, where in 1910 he was made a Professor. He is known as a composer by his Symphonic Prelude to Hauptmann's "Hannele"; chamber music (including a clarinet quintet, string quartet, and violin sonata); a cantata ("Tröstung") for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra; pianoforte pieces, and songs. He has written several theoretical treatises.—P. H.

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(Born at Tevastehus, Finland, December 8, 1865; now living at Järvenpää, Finland)

This symphony, composed in 1923,* and dedicated to Wilhelm Stenhammer, has no key signature. The score, without date of publication or of composition, is dedicated to Dr. Wilhelm Stenhammer.† The first performance in the United States was by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Mr. Stokowski, conductor, in Philadelphia, on April 23, 1926. Mr. Lawrence Gilman, the brilliant editor of that orchestra's Programme Books, states that "the score and parts of the Sixth Symphony were sent from Stockholm to the orchestra at the request of Mr. Stokowski, following the enthusiastic reception of the Fifth when it was repeated this season. Sibelius, announcing the dispatch of the score and parts, wrote as follows in a letter to Mr. Mattson, assistant manager of the orchestra: 'It will be an honor and a joy to have the first performance in America of my Sixth Symphony under Mr. Stokowski, to whom I beg you to convey my respectful and appreciative greeting.'"

Mr. Gilman called attention to the marked fondness shown by Sibelius in this symphony, as in his Seventh, for scales of various character "as the stuff of thematic structure."

I. Allegro moderato, A minor, 2-2. An introduction is for strings along without basses. A theme for flutes moves in thirds. Subsidiary themes, also in thirds, march diatonically. The dominating musical idea is in eighth notes, played by the first violins in three parts; an idea in its melodic nature, not unlike the preceding theme for flutes. This is played with for many measures until it passes into the flute theme, in which violoncellos now join. The familiar thirds are to be found in the figures in thirty-second notes for woodwind instruments; for violins and violas; in ascending and descending scale passages for the violoncellos. Arpeggio figures for woodwind usher in a section in C major. Second violins and violoncellos (with violas later) go up and down the scale against octaves, for bassoons and flutes. "A tremolo figure for the violoncellos and basses, rushing scales in unison and octaves for the woodwind and

*According to the biographical sketch of Sibelius in the "Dictionary of Modern Music and Musicians."

†Stenhammer, composer, pianist, conductor, born at Stockholm in 1871, died there in 1927. He studied at the Stockholm Conservatory of Music and in 1892-93 piano playing with Heinrich Barth, at Berlin. He was conductor of the Philharmonic Society, Stockholm (1897); second conductor at the Royal Theatre (1900); conductor of the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra (1907). He was a member of the Tor Aulin String Quartet. His reputation as a pianist was high throughout Europe. His chief works were "Prinsessan och Svennen," for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra (1892); the opera "Tirfing" (Stockholm, 1898); the opera "Das Fest auf Selhaug" (Stuttgart, 1899); choral works; Symphony in E major; overture, "Excellior"; orchestral Rhapsody, "Midvinter"; four string quartets, two piano concertos, a piano sonata; many songs. In 1916, at the Jubilee of the Gothenburg High School, he was given the title "Dr. phil. h. c."

strings, and a final reminiscence of the chief theme for clarinets in thirds, against a scale fragment for the violins, end the movement, poco tranquillo. The final effect is modal, with a suggestion of the first authentic mode, the Dorian."

II. Allegretto moderato, 3-4. The movement begins with a passage in four-part harmony (flutes and bassoons), at first in D minor, but going into G minor, the tonality of the movement. The chief theme, *mp*, *espressivo*, is given to the first violins, divided, with chords for the woodwind. Ascending scales follow in the other strings. The first violins restate the chief theme. A lyrical theme in B-flat major is announced by first violins and violoncellos, but the earlier scale subject returns. Then comes a passage poco con moto, in which the strings have a figure in thirty-second notes, with the woodwind talking lightly. The movement ends with a cadence for strings, oboe, and harp.

III. Scherzo. Poco vivace, 6-8. The theme that begins the movement is chiefly rhythmical, for violins over a chord, D minor. The contrasting theme, more lyrical, is at first for woodwind instruments in thirds; then for violins, developing into a melody for the strings. But the agitated opening theme busies the whole orchestra. After a vigorous crescendo and a chord for the brass, the lyrical theme re-

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turns, increasing in strength, until there is a sudden ending in thirds.

Finale. Allegro molto, C major, 4-4. A heroic theme for violins, woodwind, and two horns is answered by a phrase for lower strings. The music becomes more and more agitated. And here the diatonic character found prevailing in the symphony becomes chromatic. A crescendo leads to a climax *fff*. The first theme follows now for strings alone, and the opening section is elaborated harmonically and by the instrumentation. The Coda, Doppio più lento, sums up the significant features of the symphony: the diatonic scale and the intervals of the third. There is a quiet ending in D minor.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, bass clarinet, two bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, kettle drums, harp, and the usual strings.

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Sibelius came to the United States in 1914, arriving in New York. He came as the guest of Carl Stoeckel (now dead), to take a prominent part at the twenty-eighth meeting and concert of the Litchfield County Choral Union, held in the Music Shed at Norfolk, Conn. On June 4, Sibelius conducted his "Pohjola's Daughter"; incidental music to Adolph Paul's tragedy, "King Christian II"; "The Swan of Tuonela"; "Finlandia"; "Valse Triste"; and a composition, then new, the sea-sketch "Aalottarex," which was performed for the first time. Sibelius soon afterwards visited Boston.

On June 17, 1914, the degree of Doctor of Music was conferred on him by Yale University. President Hadley said, presenting the degree: "Dr. Jean Sibelius. By his music intensely national in inspiration and yet in sympathy with the mood of the West, Dr. Sibelius long since captured Finland, Germany, and England, and on coming to America to conduct a symphonic poem found that his fame had already preceded him also. Still in the prime of life, he has become, by the power and originality of his work, one of the most distinguished of living composers. What Wagner did with Teutonic legend, Dr. Sibelius has done in his own impressible way with the legends of Finland as embodied in her national epic. He has translated the Kalevala into the universal language of music, remarkable for its breadth, large simplicity, and the infusion of a deeply poetic personality." The commencement exercises included three of Sibelius's compositions. They were conducted by Horatio W. Parker (now dead).

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JAN SIBELIUS

(Born at Tavastehus, Finland, on December 8, 1865; now living at Järvenpää, Finland)

This concerto was published in 1905. It was played by Carl Halir at Berlin on October 19 of that year. The first performance in the United States was at a concert of the Philharmonic Society of New York on November 30, 1906, Maud Powell, violinist. She played it with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra in Chicago on January 25, 1907.

The first performance in Boston was at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on April 20, 1907, Mme. Powell, violinist, Dr. Muck, conductor. She played it again in Boston with the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 9, 1912. There was a performance in Boston at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 1 and 2, 1929. Richard Burgin, violinist.

Mrs. Newmarch says in her sketch of Sibelius: "With the advance of years he (Sibelius) has shown an increasing respect for the requirements of conventional form, without, however, becoming conventional in the contemptible sense of the word. The sign of this reaction has been the revision of many of his early works. The Violin Concerto, Op. 47, is a case in point. We cannot judge it by comparison with its original conception, but the Finnish critics consider it to be far more acceptable in its revised form. Sibelius's Violin Concerto, like that of Tchaikovsky's has been pronounced impossibly difficult; but it has not had to wait so long for its interpreter as the Russian concerto waited for a Brodsky."*

I. Allegro moderato, D minor, various rhythms. This movement is somewhat in the nature of an improvisation. The traditional two themes are to be recognized clearly, but they are treated in a rhapsodic rather than formal manner. The first chief theme, given to the solo violin at the beginning, over an accompaniment of violins, divided and muted, is of a dark and mournful character. It is treated rhapsodically until an unaccompanied passage for the solo violin leads to a climax. A short orchestral tutti brings in the announcement by the solo instrument of the more tranquil second theme. After the development of this motive, there is a long tutti passage; then the solo violin, having had an unaccompanied cadenza, states again the dark first theme. The second one reappears, but in altered rhythm. The movement ends in a brilliant

*Adolph Brodsky was the first to play Tchaikovsky's violin concerto (Philharmonic Concert, Vienna, December 4, 1881). The concerto was composed in 1878.

climax. The time taken by the solo violin in this movement to develop the themes without orchestral aid deserves attention.

II. Adagio di molto, B-flat major, 4-4. A contemplative romanza, which includes a first section based on the melody sung by the solo violin after a short prelude, and a contrasting middle section. The latter begins, after an orchestral passage, with a motive given to the solo instrument. There is elaborate passage-work used as figuration against the melodious first theme, now for the orchestra. The solo violin has the close of this melody. There is a short conclusion section.

III. Allegro, ma non tanto, D major, 3-4. The first theme of this aggressive rondo is given to the solo violin. The development leaps to a climax. The second theme—it is of a resolute nature—is given to the orchestra with the melody in violins and violoncellos. The movement is built chiefly on these two motives. A persistent and striking rhythmic figure is coupled with equally persistent harmonic pedal-points.

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Maud Powell, the most famous of the female American violinists, was born at Peru, Ill., on August 22, 1868. She died suddenly at Uniontown, Pa., on January 8, 1920, on one of her many tours. She studied violin playing with William Lewis, Chicago; Schradieck, Leipsic; Dancta, Paris; Joachim, Berlin. (At the age of nine she played the violin, also the piano, in public after early lessons in Aurora from William Fickensher and his daughter.) She went to Leipsic when she was thirteen years old. In 1883 she played in London and the English provinces. In 1885 she made her début with the

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Philharmonic Orchestra of Berlin. Returning to the United States, she played with the Philharmonic Society of New York, Theodore Thomas conductor, on November 14, 1885 (Bruch's First Concerto). From that time until her death, she lived the life of a travelling virtuoso, playing with orchestras and in recitals in the chief cities of Europe and the United States, touring Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Russia, Denmark, South Africa. With the Boston Symphony Orchestra, she played Bruch's Concerto No. 1 (March 5, 1887); Tchaikovsky's Concerto (April 13, 1901); also Sibelius's concerto, as mentioned above. She was the first to play the following concertos in the United States: Saint-Saëns's C major; Dvorak's A minor; Shelley's G minor; Huss's D minor, Arensky's A minor; and the concerto by Sibelius. She played Tchaikovsky's concerto in New York on January 19, 1889, but it is possible that Dr. Leopold Damrosch played it before her. She married H. Godfrey Turner. The marriage was a happy one.

In 1894 she organized the Maud Powell String Quartet, which was disbanded in 1898.

Her father was of English-Welsh extraction; her mother was of German-Hungarian stock. Maud Powell was a woman of strong character; of sound sense; of physical and mental energy; not disturbed by difficulties or discouragement; a staunch friend.

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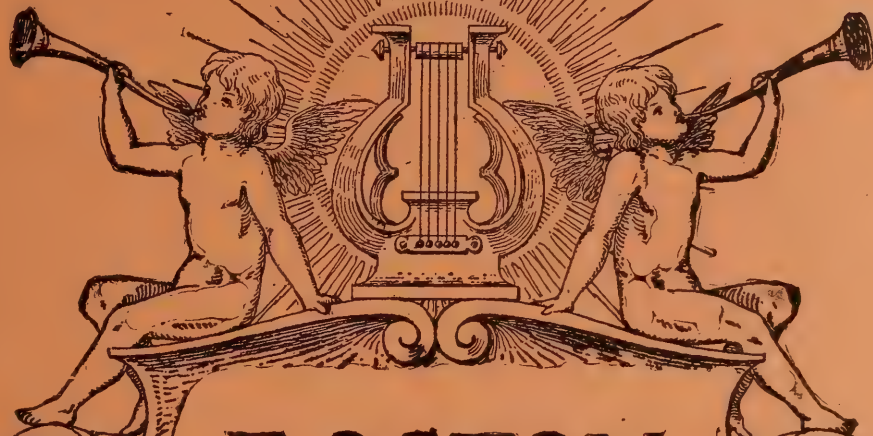
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Brahms wrote two overtures in the summer of 1880 at Ischl—the “Academic” and the “Tragic.” They come between the Symphony in D major and that in F major in the list of his orchestral works. The “Tragic” overture bears the later opus number, but it was written before the “Academic”; as Reimann says, “The satyr-play followed the tragedy.” It is said by Heuberger that Brahms wrote two “Academic Festival Overtures;” so he must have destroyed one of them. The “Academic” was first played at Breslau, January 4, 1881. The university of that town had given him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (March 11, 1879)*; this overture was the expression of his thanks. The Rector and Senate and members of the Philosophical Faculty sat in the front seats at the performance, and the composer conducted his work, which may be described as a skilfully made potpourri or fantasia

*“Q. D. B. V. Summis auspiciis Serenissimi ac potentissimi principis Guilelmi Imperatoris Auguste Germanici Regis Borussiae, etc., eiusque auctortitate regia Universitatis Litterarum Vratislaviensis Rectore Magnifico Ottone Spiegelberg Viro Illustrissimo Joanni Brahms Holsato *artis musicae severioris in Germania nunc principi* ex decreto ordinis philosophorum promotor legitime constitutus Petrus Josephus Elvenich Ordinis Philosophorum h. a. Decanus philosophiae doctoris nomen iura et privilegia honoris causa contulit collataque publico hoc diplomate declaravit die XI mensis Martii A. MDCCCLXXIX. (L.S.)” Brahms in 1877 was offered the title of Mus. Doc. from the University of Cambridge, England.

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Whene'er with haggard eyes I view
This dungeon that I'm rotting in,
I think of those companions true
Who studied with me at the U—
—niversity of Göttingen—
niversity of Göttingen;

the university satirized so bitterly by Heine.

Brahms wrote to Bernhard Scholz that the title "Academic" did not please him. Scholz suggested that it was "cursedly academic and boresome," and suggested "Viadrina," for that was the poetical name of the Breslau University. Brahms spoke flippantly of this overture in the fall of 1880 to Max Kalbeck. He described it as a "very jolly potpourri on students' songs à la Suppé"*; and, when Kalbeck asked him ironically if he had used the "Foxsong,"

*Franz Suppé (1819–1895), theatre conductor and voluminous composer, wrote serious works of worth, but was best known by his operettas, which had a world-wide popularity, as "Fatinitza" (1876), "Boccaccio" (1879). He wrote for the stage no less than 211 works—among them 31 operettas, music for 180 farces, ballets, etc. He was probably first known in this country by the overture to the play, "Poet and Peasant." There is a statue over his grave in Vienna. Otto Keller wrote his life. Suppé's full name was Francesco Ezechiele Ermenegildo Cavaliere Suppe Demelli. Born at Spalato, he died at Vienna. A pupil of Sechter and Seyfried at the Vienna Conservatory, he received valuable advice from Donizetti.

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he answered contentedly, "Yes, indeed." Kalbeck was startled, and said he could not think of such academic homage to the "leathery Herr Rektor," whereupon Brahms duly replied, "That is also wholly unnecessary."

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*"Wir hatten gebauet." The verses of A. Binzer, to an old tune, were sung for the first time at Jena, November 19, 1819, on the occasion of the dissolution of the *Burschenschaft*, the German students' association founded in 1815 for patriotic purposes. The music is by Friedrich Silcher, who was born at Schnaith, in Würtemberg, on June 27, 1789, and died at Tübingen on August 26, 1860. He studied music under his father, and later under Auberlen, who was organist at Fellbach, near Stuttgart. He lived for a while at Schorndorf and Ludwigsburg, and then moved to Stuttgart, where he supported himself by teaching music. In 1817 he was appointed Music Director at the University of Tübingen, where he received the honorary degree of Doctor in 1852. He wrote many vocal works, and was especially noteworthy as one of the foremost promoters of the German *Volkslied*. His "Sammlung deutscher Volkslieder" is a classic. Among his best-known songs are "Loreley" ("Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten"), "Aennchen von Tharau," "Zu Strassburg auf der Schanz," and "Wir hatten gebauet." This latter is a sort of students' hymn, sung in German universities very much in the same spirit that "Integer vitae" (Christian Gottlieb Fleming's "Lobet den Vater") is in ours. The words are:—

Wir hatten gebauet
Ein stattliches Haus.
Darin auf Gott vertrauet
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†"Der Landesvater" is a student song of the eighteenth century. It was published about 1750.

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member the singing of this song in Longfellow's "Hyperion"; how the Freshman entered the *Kneipe*, and was asked with ironical courtesy concerning the health of the leathery Herr Papa who reads in Cicero. Similar impertinent questions were asked concerning the "Frau Mama" and the "Mamsell Sœur"; and then the struggle of the Freshman with the first pipe of tobacco was described in song. "Gaudeamus igitur,"* the melody that is familiar to students of all lands, serves as the finale.

The overture is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, a set of three kettledrums, bass drums, cymbals, triangle, strings.

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*There are singular legends concerning the origin of "Gaudeamus igitur," but there seems to be no authentic appearance of the song, as it is now known, before the beginning of the eighteenth century, when the song was popular at Jena and Leipzig.

†But Brahms himself knew not those days.—P. II.

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This concerto was performed for the first time at Budapest, from manuscript, November 9, 1881, when the composer was the pianist.*

On April 8, 1878, Brahms, in company with Dr. Billroth and Carl Goldmark, made a journey to Italy. Goldmark, who went to Rome to be present at the last rehearsals of his opera, "Die Königin von Saba."—production was postponed until the next year on account of the illness of the leading soprano,—did not accompany his friends to Naples and Sicily. Returning to Pörtlach, Brahms sketched themes of the Concerto in B-flat major on the evening before his birthday; but he left the sketches, in which "he mirrored the Italian spring turning to summer," undeveloped.

His violin concerto originally contained a scherzo movement. Conferring with Joachim, he omitted this movement. Max Kalbeck thinks that this Scherzo found a home in the second pianoforte concerto.

In March, 1881, Brahms set out on a second journey in Italy. He visited Venice, Florence, Siena, Orvieto, Rome, Naples, and Sicily. He returned to Vienna on his birthday of that year with his mind full of Italian scenes in springtime and with thoughts of the pianoforte concerto inspired by his first visit. On May 22 he went to Pressbaum near Vienna, and lived in the villa of Mme. Heingartner. In 1907, Orestes Ritter von Connevey, then the possessor of the villa, erected a monument to Brahms in the garden. A bronze bust

*The statement made by Miss Florence May in her *Life of Brahms* (Vol. II., p. 194) that the first performance was at Stuttgart on November 22, 1881, is incorrect.

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Max Kalbeck, the exhaustive and exhausting biographer of Brahms, says that Elisabet von Herzogenberg was the first to know something about the existence of the concerto. In the Brahms-Herzogenberg correspondence, edited by Kalbeck and translated into English by Hannah Bryant (New York, 1909), is a letter written by Brahms to Eliasbet from Pressbaum, July 7, 1881. In it he says: "I don't mind telling you that I have written a tiny, tiny pianoforte concerto with a tiny, tiny wisp of a scherzo. It is in B-flat, and I have reason to fear I have worked this udder, which has always yielded good milk before, too often and too vigorously." In a footnote, Kalbeck says that the concerto was completed on July 7; on July 11, Brahms sent the whole of it to Billroth with this note: "I am sending you some small pianoforte pieces." In her answer Elisabet thanked Brahms for the news of "a tiny, tiny pianoforte *Konzerterl* with a tiny, tiny *Scherzerl* and in B-flat—the true and tried B-flat." "*Scherzerl*," Kalbeck takes pains to say, "is the name given to the crusty ends of a long roll of bread in Vienna."

In a letter to Billroth accompanying the concerto, Brahms begged him not to show "the little pianoforte pieces" to anyone and to return them as soon as possible; if they interested him, he would like a word about them. Billroth immediately wrote out his opinion. He praised the "musical music," rejoiced in the happy mood, said that the second concerto was to the first as the man to the youth, but he thought the "charming Scherzo hardly in keeping with the simpler form of the first movement. This Allegro appassionato put between the Allegro non troppo and the Andante gave the concerto the form of a symphony. Indeed, Hanslick, Riemann, and others have described the concerto as "a symphony with pianoforte obbligato." But Brahms did not insert the Scherzo for the sake of symphonic form; he feared that without it the "Adagio mood" would dominate the work. Billroth, who afterwards wrote to Wilhelm Lübke that the Scherzo could be omitted without injury, for, interesting as it was, it was unnecessary, conferring with Brahms in the matter, received the answer that, as the first movement was so simple, there was need of a vigorous and passionate movement before the simple Andante.

The accompaniment of the concerto is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, kettle-drums, and strings.

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I. Allegro non troppo, B-flat major, 4-4. The movement opens with hints at the first theme. The horn gives out a phrase which to Kalbeck is the awakening cry of Spring to cross the Alps and to inspire the longing heart of the composer with a new romantic feeling. The pianoforte answers this phrase; there is another horn phrase, with an answer. The wood-wind, strengthened later by strings, completes the period. Cadenza-like passage work follows for the pianoforte alone. This leads to a tutti in which the first and second themes, also subsidiary themes, are exposed. The development and the free fantasia section are long and elaborate. The coda is in the shape of a decrescendo passage-work, with ornamental arpeggios for the pianoforte. A few fortissimo measures bring the close.

II. Allegro appassionato, D minor, 3-4. The movement is in the form of a scherzo. A middle section in D major answers for the traditional Trio.

III. Andante, B-flat major, 6-4. The movement opens with the announcement and development of an expressive theme, sung first by a solo violoncello, and later by first violins and bassoons. There is a resemblance between this theme and the melody of Brahms's song "Immer leiser wird mein Schlummer"; but Kalbeck says that Brahms had no thought of quoting himself, for he did not know Lingg's poem until five years later, and he set music to it in 1886. (There is also in this movement a reminder of Brahms's "Todes-

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sehnen," composed in 1878.) The pianoforte enters with free preluding passages. The orchestra takes up the theme again. There is figuration of a varied character for the pianoforte (B-flat major, B-flat minor). A transitional passage in B major leads to the last return of the theme. The orchestra uses it for the coda, while the pianoforte has trills and arpeggios.

IV. *Allegretto grazioso*, B-flat major, 2-4. The Finale is in full rondo form. There are three themes: a lively one announced by the pianoforte and developed at length by it and the orchestra; a more cantabile theme of a Hungarian character given out alternately by strings and wood-wind with an arpeggio accompaniment by the pianoforte; a playful theme, which first appears for the pianoforte with a pizzicato string accompaniment. These themes are elaborately developed. There is a long coda, *un poco più presto*.

SYMPHONY IN E MINOR, OP. 98 JOHANNES BRAHMS

(Born at Hamburg, May 7, 1833; died at Vienna, April 3, 1897)

This symphony was first performed at Meiningen, October 25, 1885, under the direction of the composer.

Simrock, the publisher, is said to have paid Brahms forty thousand marks for the work. It was played at a public rehearsal of the Symphony Orchestra in Boston, November 26, 1886. Although Mr. Gericke "did not stop the orchestra"—to quote from a review of the concert the next day—he was not satisfied with the performance. Schumann's Symphony in B-flat was substituted for the concert of November 27; there were further rehearsals. The work was played for the first time in Boston at a concert of this orchestra on December 23, 1886. The first performance in the United States was by the Symphony Society, New York, December 11, 1886.

The symphony was composed in the summers of 1884 and 1885 at Mürzzuschlag in Styria: the Allegro and Andante during the first summer, the Scherzo and Finale during the last. Miss Florence May in her *Life of Brahms* says that the manuscript was nearly destroyed in 1885: "Returning one afternoon from a walk, he (Brahms) found that the house in which he lodged had caught fire, and that his friends were busily engaged in bringing his papers, and amongst them the nearly finished manuscript of the new symphony, into the garden. He immediately set to work to help in getting the fire under, whilst Frau Fellerling sat out of doors with either arm outspread on the precious papers piled on each side of her."

In a letter, Brahms described this symphony as "a couple of entr'actes," also as "a choral work without text." He was doubtful about its worth. He consulted his friends, and he and Ignaz Brüll played a pianoforte arrangement in the presence of several of them. He judged from their attitude that they did not like it and he was much depressed. There was a preliminary orchestral rehearsal at

Meiningen in October, 1885, conducted by Hans von Bülow. Brahms arrived in time for the first performance. The symphony was most warmly applauded, and the audience endeavored, but in vain, to obtain a repetition of the third movement. The work was repeated November 1 under Bülow's direction, and was conducted by the composer in the course of a three weeks' tour with the orchestra and Bülow in Germany and in Netherlands. The first performance in Vienna was at a Philharmonic concert, led by Richter, January 17, 1886. "Though the symphony was applauded by the public and praised by all but the inveterately hostile section of the press, it did not reach the hearts of the Vienna audience in the same unmistakable manner as its two immediate predecessors, both of which had made a more striking impression on a first hearing in Austria than the first symphony in C minor. Strangely enough, the fourth symphony at once obtained some measure of real appreciation in Leipsic, where the first had been far more successful than the second and third." This statement is too friendly towards Brahms. As a matter of fact, the symphony disappointed Brahms's friends. Hugo Wolf wrote a bitter review in which he made all manner of fun at the fact, trumpeted by Brahms's admirers, that at last there was a symphony in E minor. (See "Hugo Wolf's Musikalische Kritiken," Leipsic, 1911, pp. 241-244.) It was performed under the composer's direction at the Gewandhaus concert in Leipsic of February 18, 1886.

This symphony was performed at a Philharmonic concert in Vienna on March 7, 1897, the last Philharmonic concert heard by Brahms. We quote from Miss May's biography: "The fourth symphony had never become a favorite work in Vienna. Received with reserve on its first performance, it had not since gained much more from the general public of the city than the respect sure to be accorded there to an important work by Brahms. To-day [*sic*], however, a storm of applause broke out at the end of the first movement, not to be quieted until the composer, coming to the front of the artist's box in which he was seated, showed himself to the audience.

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The demonstration was renewed after the second and the third movements, and an extraordinary scene followed the conclusion of the work. The applauding, shouting house, its gaze riveted on the figure standing in the balcony, so familiar and yet in present aspect so strange, seemed unable to let him go. Tears ran down his cheeks as he stood there, shrunken in form, with lined countenance, strained expression, white hair hanging lank; and through the audience there was a feeling as of a stifled sob, for each knew that they were saying farewell. Another outburst of applause and yet another; one more acknowledgment from the master; and Brahms and his Vienna had parted forever.”*

In the summers of 1884 and 1885 the tragedies of Sophocles, translated into German by Gustav Wendt, were read diligently by Brahms. It is thought that they influenced him in the composition of this symphony. Kalbeck thinks that the whole symphony pictures the tragedy of human life. He sees in the Andante a waste and ruined field, as the Campagna near Rome; he notes the appearance of a passage from Brahms's song, "Auf dem Kirchhofe," with the words "Ich war an manch vergess'nem Grab gewesen"; to him the Scherzo is the Carnival at Milan. While Speidel saw in the Finale the burial of a soldier, Kalbeck is reminded by the music of the passage in Sophocles's "Œdipus Coloneus": "Not to have been born at all is superior to every view of the question; and this, when one may have seen the light, to return thence whence he came as quickly as possible, is far the next best."

The symphony was published in 1886. It is scored for two flutes (one interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, one double-bassoon, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, a set of three kettledrums, triangle, and strings.

*Brahms attended the production of Johann Strauss's operetta, "Die Göttin der Vernunft," March 13, but was obliged to leave after the second act, and he attended a rehearsal of the Raeger-Soldat Quartet less than a fortnight before his death.—Ed.



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I. Un poco sostenuto; Allegro.
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JOHANNES BRAHMS

(Born at Hamburg, May 7, 1833; died at Vienna, April 3, 1897)

This concerto was played for the first time on January 22, 1859, at Hanover. Brahms was the pianist, and Joachim conducted.

The concerto was announced for performance at a Theodore Thomas concert in Music Hall, Boston, December 9, 1871, with Miss Marie Krebs,* pianist; but the concert did not take place, for Mr. Thomas, with "graceful courtesy," gave way to the musical festival of twelve hundred public-school children in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis, who was visiting Boston.

Mr. Bauer played the concerto in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, December 1, 1900, when he played for the first time in the United States. He gave a second performance with the same orchestra on January 17, 1914; a third on October 15, 1920; a fourth on December 4, 1925.

Mr. Joseffy played the concerto in Boston at a concert of the New York Symphony Society in Symphony Hall on January 18, 1906.

Brahms, living in Hanover in 1854, worked in the spring and summer on a symphony. The madness of Schumann and his attempt to commit suicide by throwing himself into the Rhine had deeply affected him. He wrote to Joachim in January, 1855, from Düsseldorf, "I have been trying my hand at a symphony during the past summer, have even orchestrated the first movement, and composed the second and third." This symphony was never completed. The work as it stood was turned into a sonata for two pianofortes. The first two movements became later the first and the second of the Pianoforte Concerto in D minor; the third is the movement "Behold all flesh" in "A German Requiem." The sonata for two pianofortes was frequently played in private in the middle fifties by Brahms with Clara Schumann, or his friend Julius Otto Grimm, who had assisted him in the orchestration of the symphony. Grimm (1827-1903), philologist, conductor, lecturer, doctor of philosophy, composer of a symphony, suites, and other

*Mary Krebs (or Marie), born at Dresden, December 5, 1851, died there on June 27, 1900. She was the daughter of Karl August Krebs (1804-80), celebrated conductor, composer, and pianist. Her father taught her piano playing, and she came out at the Gewandhaus, Leipzig, in 1865. After many journeys as a virtuoso, she settled in Dresden. She was married to one Brenning.

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works, declared that the musical contents of this sonata deserved a more dignified form, and persuaded Brahms to put them into a concerto. The task busied Brahms for two years or more. The movements were repeatedly sent to Joachim, whose advice was of much assistance. In 1858 the *Signale* reported that Brahms had arrived in Detmold, and it was hoped that some of his compositions might be performed there. "He has completed, among other things, a pianoforte concerto, the great beauties of which have been reported to us." The musicians at Detmold were not inclined to appreciate Brahms; it is said that the Kapellmeister, Kiel, was prejudiced against him; but the concerto was rehearsed at Hanover, and Joachim, in spite of a certain amount of official opposition, put it on the programme of the Hanover Subscription Court Concerts, the third of the series for 1858-59.

The concerto was then coldly received. The Hanover correspondent of the *Signale* wrote, "The work had no great success with the public, but it aroused the decided respect and sympathy of the best musicians for the gifted artist." Brahms played the concerto at a Gewandhaus concert in Leipsic on January 27, 1859. The public and the critics were unfriendly. The composer wrote to Joachim: "A brilliant and decided failure. . . . In spite of all this, the concerto will please some day when I have improved its construction." Breitkopf and Härtel refused to publish it; but Rieter-Biedermann gave it to the world in 1861.

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III. Rondo: Allegro non troppo, D minor, 2-4. The first theme is given out by the pianoforte. The second motive is in F major (pianoforte). This material is developed. The first theme re-

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appears. The third theme is introduced by first violins, B-flat major. This is developed. Then comes a fugato, after which the chief theme is given to the orchestra, with broken octaves for the pianoforte. The second theme returns in D minor. There is a cadenza for the solo instrument. The third theme comes back in D major. There is a long coda, chiefly on the first theme, now in D major.

SYMPHONY IN C MINOR, No. 1, Op. 68 JOHANNES BRAHMS

(Born at Hamburg, May 7, 1833; died at Vienna, April 3, 1897)

Brahms was not in a hurry to write a symphony; he heeded not the wishes or demands of his friends. In 1854, Schumann wrote to Joachim: "Where is Johannes? Is he flying high or only under the flowers? Is he not yet ready to let drums and trumpets sound? He should always keep in mind the beginning of the Beethoven symphonies: he should try to make something like them. The beginning is the main thing; if only one makes a beginning, then the end comes of itself."

In 1854, Brahms heard Beethoven's Ninth Symphony for the first time. He resolved to write a symphony in the same tonality. The next year, he orchestrated the first movement and composed the second and third. The symphony was never completed. The work as it stood was turned into a sonata for two pianofortes. The first two movements became later the first and the second of the pianoforte concerto in D minor, and the third is the movement "Behold all flesh" in "A German Requiem."

Kalbeck has much to say about the influence of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Schumann's "Manfred," and the tragedy in the Schumann family, on Brahms, as the composer of the C minor Symphony. The contents of the symphony, according to Kalbeck, portray the relationship between Brahms and Robert and Clara Schumann. The biographer finds significance in the first measures *poco sostenuto* that serve as introduction to the first Allegro. It was Richard Grant White who said of the German commentator on Shakespeare that the deeper he dived the muddier he came up.

Just when Brahms began to make the first sketches of this symphony is not exactly known. He was in the habit, as a young man, of jotting down his musical thoughts when they occurred to him. Later he worked on several compositions at the same time and let them grow under his hand. There are instances where this growth

was of very long duration. He destroyed the great majority of his sketches. The few that he did not destroy are, or were recently, in the Library of the Gesellschaft de Musikfreunde at Vienna.

In 1862 Brahms showed his friend Albert Dietrich an early version of the first movement of the symphony. He saw the first movement in 1862. It was then without an introduction. The Finale was conceived in the face of the Zurich mountains, in sight of the Alps and the lake; and the horn solo with the calling voices that fade into a melancholy echo was undoubtedly suggested by the Alpine horn; the movement was finished on the Island of Rügen. The first movement was afterwards greatly changed. Brahms was working on the Adagio and Scherzo in 1876. In October of that year he played the whole symphony to Clara Schumann. She noted her disappointment in her diary; she missed the "melodic flight."

The symphony was produced when Brahms was in his forty-fourth year, at Carlsruhe, by the Grand Duke's orchestra, on November 4, 1876. Dessoff conducted from manuscript. Simrock paid 5,000 thalers for the symphony and published it at the end of 1877.

The first performance in Boston was by the Harvard Musical Association on January 3, 1878. Carl Zerrahn conducted. John S. Dwight wrote in his *Journal of Music* that the total impression made on him was "as something depressing and unedifying, a work coldly elaborated, artificial; earnest to be sure, in some sense great, and far more satisfactory than any symphony by Raff, or any others of the day, which we have heard; but not to be mentioned in the same day with any symphony by Schumann, Mendelssohn, or the great one by Schubert, not to speak of Beethoven's. . . . Our interest in it will increase, but we foresee the limit; and certainly it cannot be popular; it will not be loved like the dear masterpieces of genius." The Harvard Musical Association gave a second performance on January 31, 1878. The first performance in New York was conducted by Dr. Leopold Damrosch on December 15, 1877.

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Second movement, *Andante sostenuto*, E major, 3-4.

The place of the traditional Scherzo is supplied by a movement, *Un poco allegretto e grazioso*, A-flat major, 2-4.

The finale begins with an *Adagio*, C minor, 4-4, in which there are hints of the themes of the *Allegro* which follows. Here William Foster Apthorp should be quoted:

"With the thirtieth measure the tempo changes to *più andante*, and we come upon one of the most poetic episodes in all Brahms. Amid hushed, tremulous harmonies in the strings, the horn and afterward the flute pour forth an utterly original melody, the character of which ranges from passionate pleading to a sort of wild exultation, according to the instrument that plays it. The coloring is enriched by the solemn tones of the trombones, which appear for the first time in this movement. It is ticklish work trying to dive down into a composer's brain, and surmise what special outside source his inspiration may have had; but one cannot help feeling that this whole wonderful episode may have been suggested to Brahms by the tones of the Alpine horn, as it awakens the echoes from mountain after mountain on some of the high passes in the Bernese Oberland. This is certainly what the episode *recalls* to any one who has ever heard those poetic tones and their echoes. A short, solemn, even ecclesiastical interruption by the trombones and bassoons is of more thematic importance. As the horn-tones gradually die away, and the cloudlike harmonies in the strings sink lower and lower—like mist veiling the landscape—an impressive pause ushers in the *Allegro non troppo, ma con brio* (in C major, 4-4 time). The introductory *Adagio* has already given us mysterious hints at what is to come; and now there bursts forth in the strings the most joyous, exuberant Volkslied melody, a very Hymn to Joy, which in some of its phrases, as it were unconsciously and by sheer affinity of nature, flows into strains from the similar melody in the Finale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. One cannot call it plagiarism: it is two men saying the same thing."

This melody is repeated by horns and wood-wind with a pizzicato string accompaniment, and is finally taken up by the whole orchestra *fortissimo* (without trombones). The second theme is announced softly by the strings. In the rondo finale the themes hinted at in the introduction are brought in and developed with some new ones. The coda is based chiefly on the first theme.

Dr. Heinrich Reimann finds Max Klinger's picture of "Prometheus Unbound" "the true parallel" to this symphony.

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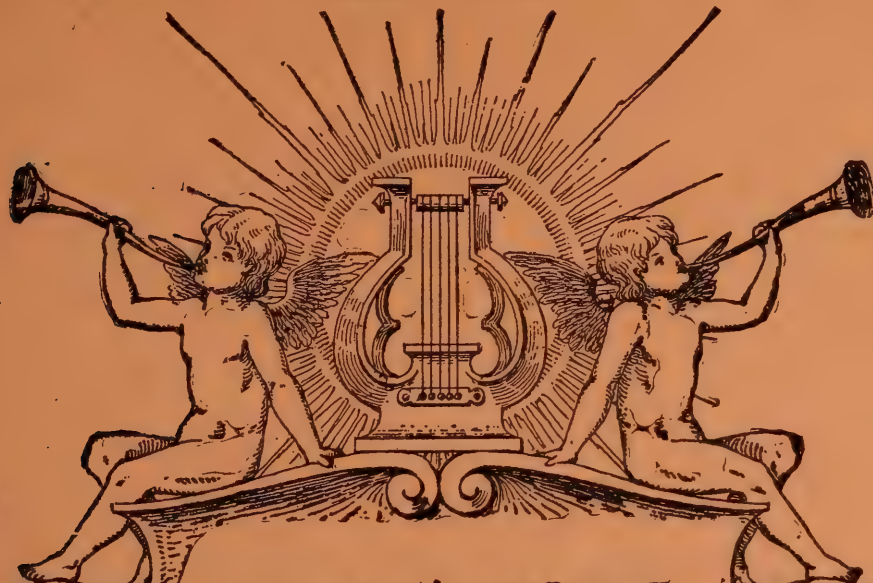
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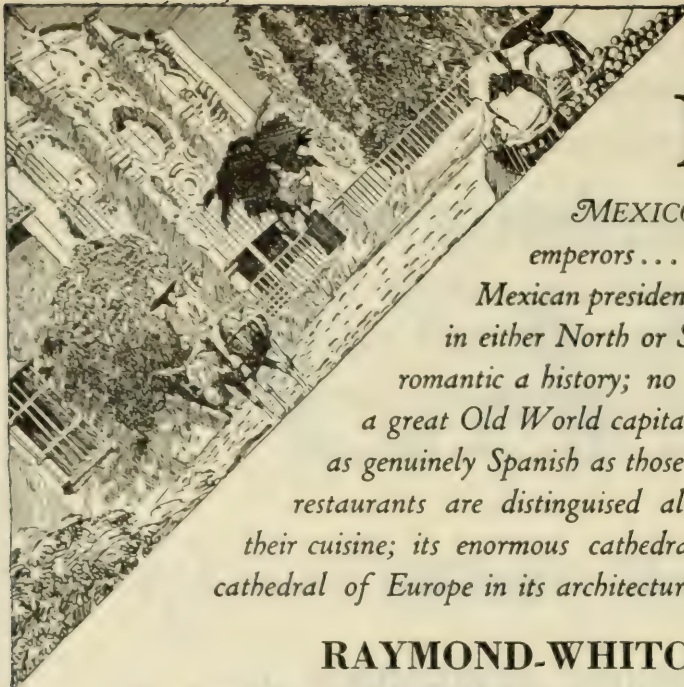
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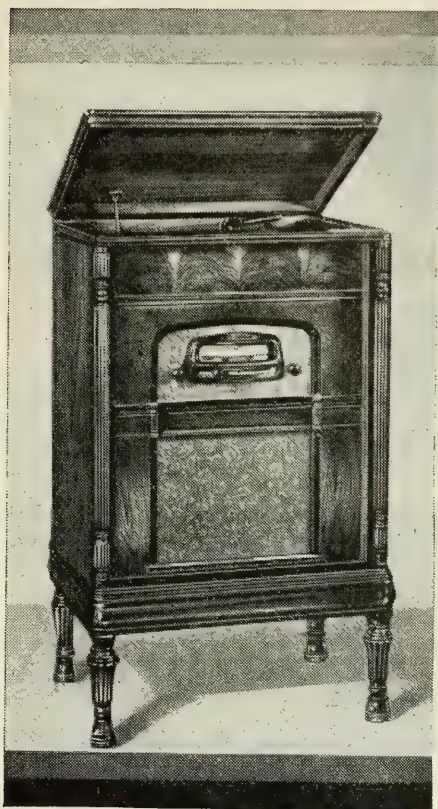
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(Born at Halle on February 23, 1685; died at London, April 14, 1759)

Handel's twelve grand concertos for strings were composed between September 29 and October 30, 1739. The tenth bears the date October 22. The London *Daily Post* of October 29, 1739, said: "This day are published proposals for printing by subscription, with His Majesty's royal license and protection, Twelve Grand Concertos, in Seven Parts, for four violins, a tenor, a violoncello, with a thorough-bass for the harpsichord. Composed by Mr. Handel. Price to subscribers, two guineas. Ready to be delivered by April next. Subscriptions are taken by the author, at his house* in Brook Street, Hanover Square, and by Walsh." In an advertisement on Novem-

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The year 1739, in which these concertos were composed, was the year of the first performance of Handel's "Saul" (January 16) and "Israel in Egypt" (April 4),—both oratorios were composed in 1738,—also of the music to Dryden's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (November 22).



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The seven parts are thus indicated by Handel in book of parts: Violino primo concerto, Violino secondo concertino, Violino primo ripieno, Violino secondo ripieno, viola, violoncello, bass continuo.

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was produced at a Gürzenich concert at Cologne, November 5, 1895.
It was composed in 1894-95 at Munich, and the score was com-
pleted there, May 6, 1895. The score and parts were published in
September, 1895.

There has been dispute concerning the proper translation of the
phrase, "nach alter Schelmenweise," in the title. Some, and Mr.
Apthorp was one of them, translate it "after an old rogue's tune."
Others will not have this at all, and prefer "after the old,—or old-
fashioned,—roguish manner," or, as Mr. Krehbiel suggested, "in the
style of old-time waggery," and this view is in all probability the
sounder. It is hard to twist "Schelmenweise" into "rogue's tune."
"Schelmenstück," for instance, is "a knavish trick," a "piece of
roguery." As Mr. Krehbiel well said: "The reference [*Schelmen-
weise*] goes, not to the thematic form of the phrase, but to its struc-
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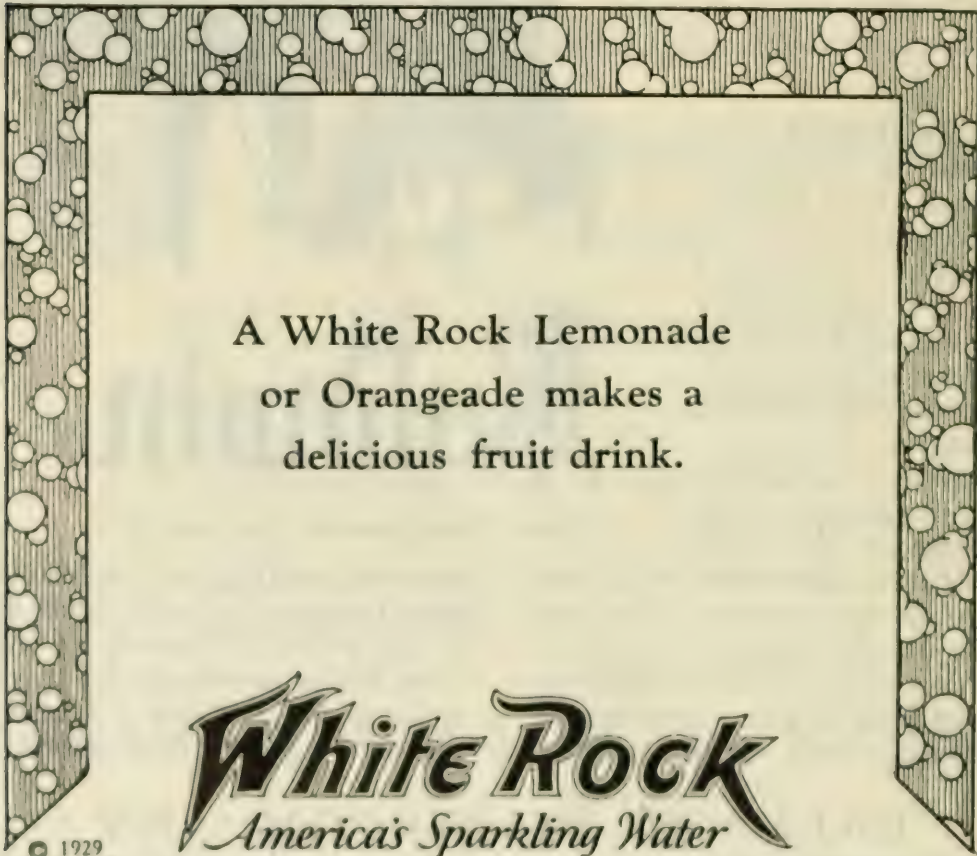
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phrase but also by the parenthetical explanation: 'in Rondo form.' What connection exists between roguishness, or waggishness, and the rondo form it might be difficult to explain. The roguish wag in this case is Richard Strauss himself, who, besides putting the puzzle into his title, refused to provide the composition with even the smallest explanatory note which might have given a clue to its contents." It seems to us that the puzzle in the title is largely imaginary. There is no need of attributing any intimate connection between "roguish manner" and "rondo form."

Till (or Tyll) Eulenspiegel is the hero of an old *Volksbuch* of the fifteenth century attributed to Dr. Thomas Murner (1475-1530). Till is supposed to be a wandering mechanic of Brunswick, who plays all sorts of tricks, practical jokes,—some of them exceedingly coarse,—on everybody, and he always comes out ahead. In the book, Till (or Till Owlglass, as he is known in the English translation) goes to the gallows, but he escapes through an exercise of his ready wit, and dies peacefully in bed, playing a sad joke on his heirs, and refusing to lie still and snug in his grave. Strauss kills him on the scaffold. The German name is said to find its derivation in an old proverb: "Man sees his own faults as little as a monkey or an owl recognizes his ugliness in looking into a mirror."



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When Dr. Franz Wüllner, who conducted the first performance at Cologne, asked the composer for an explanatory programme of the "poetical intent" of the piece, Strauss replied: "It is impossible for me to furnish a programme to 'Eulenspiegel'; were I to put into words the thoughts which its several incidents suggested to me, they would seldom suffice, and might even give rise to offence. Let me leave it, therefore, to my hearers to crack the hard nut which the Rogue has prepared for them. By way of helping them to a better understanding, it seems sufficient to point out the two 'Eulenspiegel' motives, which, in the most manifold disguises, moods, and situations, pervade the whole up to the catastrophe, when, after he has been condemned to death, Till is strung up to the gibbet. For the rest, let them guess at the musical joke which a Rogue has offered them." Strauss indicated in notation three motives,—the opening theme of the introduction, the horn theme that follows almost immediately, and the descending interval expressive of condemnation and the scaffold.

Certain German critics were not satisfied with Strauss's meagre clue, and they at once began to evolve labored analyses. One of these programmes, the one prepared by Wilhelm Klatte, was published in the *Allgemeine Musik-Zeitung* of November 8, 1895, and frequently in programme books in Germany and England, in some cases with Strauss's sanction.* The translation is, for the most part, by C. A. Barry:—

A strong sense of German folk-feeling (*des Volksthümlichen*) pervades the whole work; the source from which the tone-poet drew his inspiration is clearly indicated in the introductory bars: *Gemächlich*

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(Andante comodo), F major, 4-8. To some extent this stands for the "once upon a time" of the story-books. That what follows is not to be treated in the pleasant and agreeable manner of narrative poetry, but in a more sturdy fashion, is at once made apparent by a characteristic bassoon figure which breaks in sforzato upon the piano of the strings. Of equal importance for the development of the piece is the immediately following humorous horn theme (F major, 6-8). Beginning quietly and gradually becoming more lively, it is at first heard against a tremolo of the "divided" violins and then again in the tempo primo, Sehr lebhaft (Vivace). This theme, or at least the kernel of it, is taken up in turn by oboes, clarinets, violas, violoncellos, and bassoons, and is finally brought by the full orchestra, except trumpets and trombones, after a few bars, crescendo, to a dominant half-close fortissimo in C. The thematic material, according to the main point, has now been fixed upon; the *milieu* is given, by which we are enabled to recognize the pranks and droll tricks which the crafty schemer is about to bring before our eyes, or, far rather, before our ears.

Here he is (clarinet phrase followed by chord for wind instruments). He wanders through the land as a thoroughgoing adventurer. His clothes are tattered and torn: a queer, fragmentary version of the Eulenspiegel motive resounds from the horns. Following a merry play with this important leading motive, which directly leads to a short but brilliant tutti, in which it again asserts itself, first in the flutes, and then finally merges into a softly murmuring and extended tremolo for the violas, this same motive, gracefully phrased, reappears in succession in the basses, flute, first violins, and

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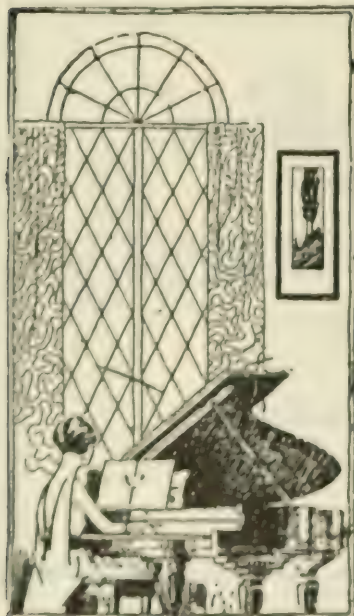
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again in the basses. The rogue, putting on his best manners, slyly passes through the gate, and enters a certain city. It is market-day; the women sit at their stalls and prattle (flutes, oboes, and clarinets). Hop! Eulenspiegel springs on his horse (indicated by rapid triplets extending through three measures, from the low D of the bass clarinet to the highest A of the D clarinet), gives a smack of his whip, and rides into the midst of the crowd. Clink, clash, clatter! A confused sound of broken pots and pans, and the market-women are put to flight! In haste the rascal rides away (as is admirably illustrated by a fortissimo passage for the trombones) and secures a safe retreat.

This was his first merry prank; a second follows immediately: Gemächlich (Andante comodo), F major, 2-4. Eulenspiegel has put on the vestments of a priest, and assumes a very unctuous mien. Though posing as a preacher of morals, the rogue peeps out from the folds of his mantle (the Eulenspiegel motive on the clarinet points to the imposture). He fears for the success of his scheme. A figure played by muted violins, horns, and trumpets makes it plain that he does not feel comfortable in his borrowed plumes. But soon he makes up his mind. Away with all scruples! He tears them off (solo violin, glissando).

Again the Eulenspiegel theme is brought forward in the previous lively tempo, 6-8, but is now subtly metamorphosed and chivalrously colored. Eulenspiegel has become a Don Juan, and he waylays pretty women. And one has bewitched him: Eulenspiegel is in love! Hear how now, glowing with love, the violins, clarinets, and flutes sing. But in vain. His advances are received with derision, and he goes away in a rage. How can one treat him so slightly? Is he not a splendid fellow? Vengeance on the whole human race! He gives vent to his rage (in a fortissimo of horns in unison, followed by a pause), and strange personages suddenly draw near (violoncellos). A troop of honest, worthy Philistines! In an instant all his anger is forgotten. But it is still his chief joy to



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make fun of these lords and protectors of blameless decorum, to mock them, as is apparent from the lively and accentuated fragments of the theme, sounded at the beginning by the horn, which are now heard first from horns, violins, violoncellos, and then from trumpets, oboes, and flutes. Now that Eulenspiegel has had his joke, he goes away and leaves the professors and doctors behind in thoughtful meditation. Fragments of the typical theme of the Philistines are here treated canonically. The wood-wind, violins, and trumpets suddenly project the Eulenspiegel theme into their profound philosophy. It is as though the transcendent rogue were making faces at the bigwigs from a distance—again and again—and then waggishly running away. This is aptly characterized by a short episode (A-flat) in a hopping, 2-4 rhythm, which, similarly with the first entrance of the Hypocrisy theme previously used, is followed by phantom-like tones from the wood-wind and strings and then from trombones and horns. Has our rogue still no foreboding?

Interwoven with the very first theme, indicated lightly by trumpets and English horn, a figure is developed from the second introductory and fundamental theme. It is first taken up by the clarinets; it seems to express the fact that the arch-villain has again got the upper hand of Eulenspiegel, who has fallen into his old manner of life. If we take a formal view, we have now reached the repetition of the chief theme. A merry jester, a born liar, Eulenspiegel goes wherever he can succeed with a hoax. His insolence knows no bounds. Alas! there is a sudden jolt to his wanton humor. The drum rolls a hollow roll; the jailer drags the rascally prisoner into the criminal court. The verdict "guilty" is thundered against the brazen-face knave. The Eulenspiegel theme replies calmly to the threatening chords of wind and lower strings. Eulenspiegel lies. Again the threatening tones resound; but Eulenspiegel does not confess his guilt. On the contrary he lies for the third time. His jig is up. Fear seizes him. The Hypocrisy mo-



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After sad, tremulous pizzicati of the strings, the epilogue begins. At first it is almost identical with the introductory measures, which are repeated in full; then the most essential parts of the second and third chief-theme passages appear, and finally merge into the soft chord of the sixth on A-flat, while wood-wind and violins sustain. Eulenspiegel has become a legendary character. The people tell their tales about him: "Once upon a time . . ." But that he was a merry rogue and a real devil of a fellow seems to be expressed by the final eight measures, full orchestra, fortissimo.

Such is Wilhelm Klatte's explanation of the poetic contents of Strauss's rondo, and though the composer may smile in his sleeve and whisper to himself, "Not a bit like it!" he never publicly contradicted Mr. Klatte.

The rondo, dedicated to Dr. Arthur Seidl, is scored for piccolo, three flutes, three oboes, English horn, small clarinet in D, two clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns (with the addition of four horns *ad lib.*), three trumpets (with three additional trumpets *ad lib.*), three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, snare-drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, a watchman's rattle, strings.

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Beethoven sketched motives of the allegro, andante, and scherzo of this symphony as early as 1800 and 1801. We know from sketches that while he was at work on "Fidelio" and the pianoforte concerto in G major,—1804–1806,—he was also busied with this symphony, which he put aside to compose the fourth symphony, in B-flat.

The symphony in C minor was finished in the neighborhood of Heiligenstadt in 1807. Dedicated to the Prince von Lobkowitz and the Count Rasumovsky, it was published in April, 1809.

It was first performed at the Theater an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. All the pieces were by Beethoven; the symphony described on the programme as "A symphony entitled 'Recollections of Life in the Country,' in F major, No. 5" (*sic*); an Aria, "Ah, perfido," sung by Josephine Kilitzky; Hymn with Latin text written in church style with chorus and solos; Pianoforte Concerto in G major, played by Beethoven; Grand Symphony in C minor, No. 6 (*sic*); Sanctus, with Latin text written in church style (from the Mass in C major), with chorus and solos; Fantasia for pianoforte solo; Fantasia for pianoforte "into which the full orchestra enters little by little, and at the end the chorus joins in the Finale." Beethoven played the pianoforte part. The concert began at half-past six. We know nothing about the pecuniary result.

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“The most celebrated of them all, beyond doubt and peradventure, is also the first, I think, in which Beethoven gave the reins to his vast imagination, without taking for guide or aid a foreign thought. In the first, second, and fourth, he more or less enlarged forms already known, and poetized them with all the brilliant and passionate inspirations of his vigorous youth. In the third, the ‘Eroica,’ there is a tendency, it is true, to enlarge the form, and the thought is raised to a mighty height; but it is impossible to ignore the influence of one of the divine poets to whom for a long time the great artist had raised a temple in his heart. Beethoven, faithful to the Horatian precept, ‘*Nocturna versate manu, versate diurna,*’ read Homer constantly, and in his magnificent musical epopee, which, they say, I know not whether it be true or false, was inspired by a modern hero, the recollections of the ancient Iliad play a part that is as evident as admirably beautiful.

“The symphony in C minor, on the other hand, seems to us to come directly and solely from the genius of Beethoven; he develops in it his own intimate thought; his secret sorrows, his concentrated rage,

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and with a change of harmony, to the chord of the dominant seventh, G, B, D, F, while the drums roll obstinately their tonic C: the whole orchestra, assisted by the trombones which have not yet been heard, bursts in the major into the theme of a triumphal march, and the Finale begins. . . .

“Criticism has tried, however, to diminish the composer’s glory by stating that he employed ordinary means, the brilliance of the major mode pompously following the darkness of a pianissimo in minor; that the triumphal march is without originality, and that the interest wanes even to the end, whereas it should increase. I reply to this: Did it require less genius to create a work like this because the passage from piano to forte and that from minor to major were the means already understood? Many composers have wished to take advantage of the same means; and what result did they obtain comparable to this gigantic chant of victory in which the soul of the poet-musician, henceforth free from earthly shackles, terrestrial sufferings, seems to mount radiantly towards heaven? The first four measures of the theme, it is true, are not highly original; but the forms of a fanfare are inherently restricted, and I do not think it possible to find new forms without departing utterly from the simple, grand, pompous character which is becoming. Beethoven wished only an entrance of the fanfare for the beginning of his finale, and he quickly found in the rest of the movement and even in the conclusion of the chief theme that loftiness and originality of style which never forsook him. And this may be said in answer to the reproach of not having increased the interest to the very end; music, in the state known at least to us, would not know how to produce a more violent effect than that of this transition from scherzo to triumphal march; it was then impossible to enlarge the effect afterwards.

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This symphony was performed in Boston at an Academy concert as early as November 27, 1841.

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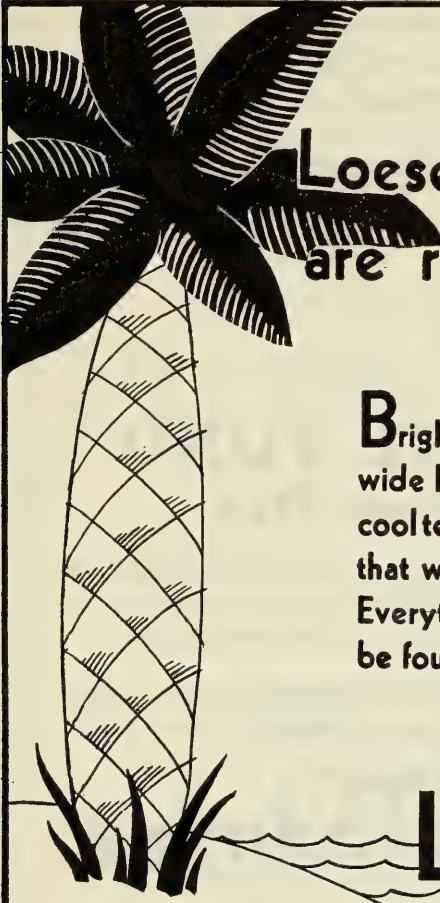
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Dvořák in 1892-93 was living in New York as the Director of the National Conservatory of Music. He made many sketches for this symphony. In the first of the three books used for this purpose, he noted "Morning, December 19, 1892." Fuller sketches began January 10, 1893. The slow movement was then entitled "Legenda." The Scherzo was completed January 31; the Finale, May 25, 1893. A large part of the instrumentation was done at Spillville, Iowa, where many Bohemians dwelt.

This symphony was performed for the first time, in manuscript, by the Philharmonic Society of New York on Friday afternoon, December 15, 1893. Anton Seidl conducted. Dvořák was present. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Paur conductor, on December 30 of the same year.

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The symphony aroused a controversy, in which there was shedding of much ink. The controversy long ago died out, and is probably forgotten even by those who read the polemical articles at the time and expressed their own opinions. The symphony remains. It is now without associations that might prejudice. It is now enjoyed or appreciated, or possibly passed by, as music, and not as an exhibit in a case on trial.

Yet it may be good to recall the circumstances of the symphony's origin. In the feverish days of the discussion excited by the first performance of this symphony, it was stated that Mr. Krehbiel and others called the attention of Dvořák, who was then living in New York, to Negro melodies and rhythms; that the Bohemian composer then wept with joy and rushed after music paper; that he journeyed to a Western town inhabited chiefly by Bohemians, a town in Iowa, where he could find the stimulating atmosphere to write masterpieces of a truly American nature. Some may also remember that soon after the first performances of the symphony there was a distressing rumor that portions of it had been composed long before



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"Last spring the eminent Bohemian composer published his belief that there was in the songs of the Negroes of America 'a sure foundation for a new National School of Music,' and that an intelligent cultivation of them on the part of American composers might result in the creation of an American School of Composition. His utterances created a deal of comment at that time, the bulk of which was distinguished by flippancy and a misconception of the composer's meaning and purposes. Much of the American criticism, in particular, was based on the notion that, by American music, Dr. Dvořák meant the songs of Stephen C. Foster and other contributors to old-time Negro minstrelsy, and that the school of which he dreamed was to devote itself to the writing of variations on 'The Old Folks at Home' and tunes of its class. Such a blunder, pardonable enough in the popular mind, was yet scarcely venial on the part of composers and newspaper reviewers who had had opportunities

*From a little pamphlet, "Antonin Dvořák's Quartet in F major, Op. 96" (New York, 1894).

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It was said by some, in answer to these statements, that, while the Negro is undoubtedly fond of music, he is not inherently musical. Observers of the Negro in Africa were quoted in support of this statement, from Bosman to Sir Richard F. Burton, who wrote in his chapter "Of the Negro's Place in Nature" (Chapter XIX of "A Mission to Gelele, King of Dahome"): "The Negro has never invented an alphabet, a musical scale, or any other elements of knowledge. Music and dancing, his passions, are, as arts, still in embryo." Since Burton wrote, Alfred Friedenthal has this to say about the African's music*: "The African Negroes possess great musical talent. It must be admitted, though, that in the invention

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of melodies, they do not come up to the European standard, but the greater is their capacity for rhythms. The talent exhibited by the Bantus in contriving the most complex rhythms is nothing short of marvelous." André Gide, who had studied music in Paris, has much to say about Negro music he heard in the Congo.* He analyzed melodies and rhythms. Speaking of an extraordinary chant of boatmen, sung by six singers, each one singing something a little different, without its being exactly "in parts"—the result being "a kind of thickness in the harmony, which is extremely strange"—he exclaims: "Oh, if only Stravinsky could hear it! . . . Our folk songs, compared with these, seem coarse, foolishly simple, rudimentary. This morning in Marc's whale boat, I listened to the *Saras'* chorus—very different from the one my boatmen were singing yesterday. It was like nothing I have ever heard. As profoundly moving as the songs of the Russian boatmen—perhaps more so. . . . The soloist had an admirable voice, totally different in quality from what is required by the Conservatoire; a voice which sometimes sounded choked with tears—and sometimes nearer a sob than a song—and sometimes had accents that are *hoarse and apparently out of tune*. Then there came suddenly a few very soft notes of a disconcerting suavity . . . their rhythmical and melodic invention is prodigious (and apparently naïve)—but what shall I say of their harmonies? For that is what I find especially surpris-

*"Voyage au Congo" (Paris, 1927) and "Le Retour du Tchad" (Paris, 1928). The two volumes, translated into English by Dorothy Bussy, are published as one by Alfred A. Knopf (New York and London, 1929).

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It was also said when the symphony was first performed that the American Negro, peculiarly mimetic, founded his "folk-songs" on sentimental ballads sung by the white women of the plantation or on camp-meeting tunes; that he brought no primitive melodies with him from Africa, and that the "originality" of his "folk-songs" was misunderstanding of perversion of the tunes he imitated,* that, even if the Negro brought tunes from Africa, they could hardly, even after long usage, be called "American folk-songs," any more than the tunes of the aboriginal Indians or Creole ditties can be called justly "American folk-songs"; that it would be absurd to characterize a school of music based on such a foundation as an "American school"; that, if "that music is entitled to be called characteristic of a people which gives the greatest pleasure to the largest fraction of a people," then German folk-songs are characteristic of the city of New York, and Irish folk-songs are characteristic of the city of Boston.

*Concerning the origin and nature of Negro "spirituals," see Mr. James Weldon Johnson's long Introduction to "The Book of American Negro Spirituals," edited by him with musical arrangements by J. Rosamond Johnson and Lawrence Brown (New York, 1925). He stoutly maintains that the statement that the spirituals are imitations made by the Negro of other music heard is an "absurdity." He believes that the production of the spirituals was a miracle.

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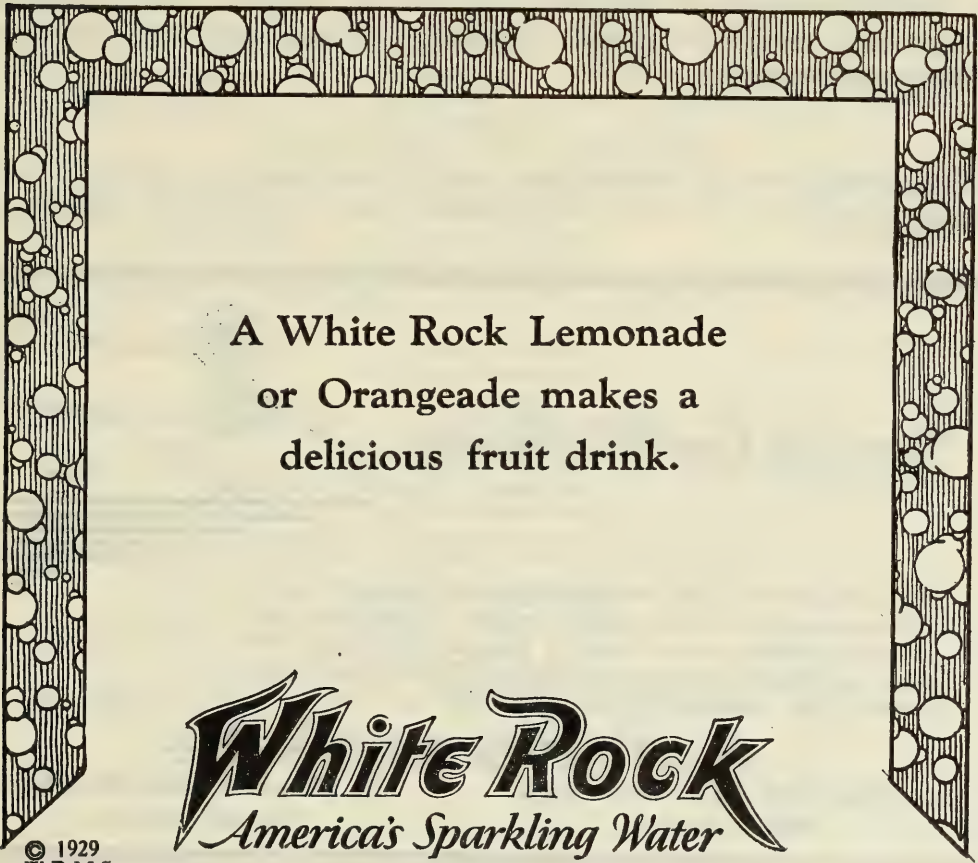
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The discussion was no doubt healthful and profitable, for, with our lively discussion, art is stagnant. MacDowell's "Indian" suite was sketched before Dvořák's symphony was announced; but the controversy led to still more careful investigation, especially into the character of the North American Indians' music. Mr. Krehbiel studied carefully this music and discussed it in articles of permanent value. Mr. Fillmore, who began the study in 1888, Alice C. Fletcher, Frederick R. Burton, Henry F. Gilbert, and others have made valuable contributions to this branch of musical inquiry.

William Ritter, the author of a life of Smetana (Paris, 1898), contributed letters from Prague to the *Mercure Musical*, Paris. In the number for May 15, 1907, he discussed this symphony.

He wrote to the sons of Dvořák, to Antonin and Otaker, and asked them eleven questions, with this preface: "I ask you to reply as soon as possible to the following questions, with the utmost exactness, if not categorically by 'yes' or 'no.' "* The first four questions were concerning the use of Negro tunes in the symphony "From the New World," whether Dvořák had used them at all, or, if he had, whether he had modified them. The other questions were concerning Dvořák's use of chorals of Brittany or Russian folk-songs in the

*"That those in America who had been close to Dvořák when he composed this work, and who knew his purposes and procedures in creating it, might be supposed to have more accurate information on the subject, was a consideration that seems to have had little weight with Mr. Ritter."—Mr. LAWRENCE GILMAN, the brilliant editor of the Philadelphia Orchestra's Programme Books, Book of December 6-7, 1929.



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symphony, whether he had known and consulted collections of folk-song by Balakirev, Rimsky-Korsakov, Moussorgsky, Bourgault-Ducoudray, and whether he had read Villemarqué's work on songs of Brittany.

Fortunately for the sons, this letter was written in February, when the air was cool and the nights were long.

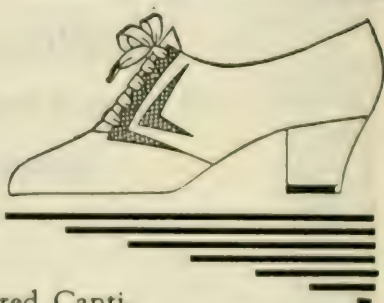
The sons answered in effect as follows: Dvořák knew nothing about the folk-songs and chorals of Brittany. He knew the Russian composers by name, but he had never studied thoughtfully their compositions. "Any one who knows his [Dvořák's] own works will surely smile at the mere suggestion that there was any necessity of borrowing from any one of these masters." Nor did Dvořák know anything about the researches of the two Frenchmen.

Now, as regards the Negro question. "In America, Negro airs, which abound in melodic particularities, interested our father. He studied them and arranged the scale according to which they are formed. But the passages of the symphony and of other works of this American period which, as some pretend, have been taken from Negro airs, are absolutely our father's own mental property; they were only influenced by Negro melodies. As in his Slav pieces, he never used Slav songs, but, being a Slav, created what his heart dictated, all the works of this American period—the symphony included—respond to Slav origin, and any one who has the least feeling will proclaim this fact. Who will not recognize the homesickness in the Largo of this symphony? The secondary phrase of the first movement, the first theme of the scherzo, the beginning of the finale, and perhaps also the melody of the Largo which give a certain impression of the groaning Negro song, are only influenced by this song and determined by change of land and the influence of a foreign climate."

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The first portion of the chief theme of the main body of the first movement, Allegro molto, E minor, 2-4, is given out by two horns in unison; the second, by the wood-wind. This theme is developed at length, and modifications suggest occasionally a new and contrasting subject. Folklorists have called attention to the species of syncopation known as the "Scotch snap," that distinguishes this chief theme, and also pointed out the five-note, or pentatonic, scale, from which the theme is derived. In a subsidiary theme announced by flutes and oboes, there is a use of the flat seventh, a use that is common to Oriental races as well as the Negro of the camp-meeting. The second theme, G major, is given out by the flute, and was probably derived from the familiar melody, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."* The violins take up this theme. There is some develop-

*Harry Thacker Burleigh, composer, and baritone soloist at St. George's Church, New York, since 1894, was born at Erie, Pa., December 2, 1866. He was a student at the National Conservatory of Music while Dvořák was Director. Mr. Burleigh at the Conservatory studied singing with Christian Fritsch, harmony with Rubin Goldmark, counterpoint with Max Spicker. "There is no doubt at all [Mr. Burleigh has said] that Dr. Dvořák was deeply impressed by the old Negro spirituals and also by the Foster songs. It was my privilege repeatedly to sing some of the old plantation songs for him at his home in East Seventeenth Street, and one in particular, 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,' greatly pleased him and part of this old 'spiritual' will be found in the second theme of the first movement of the symphony—it is in G major and is first given out by the flute. The similarity is so evident that it doesn't even need to be heard; the eye can see it. Dvořák just saturated himself with the spirit of these old tunes and then invented his own themes. There is a subsidiary theme in G minor in the first movement with a flat seventh, and I feel sure the doctor caught this peculiarity of most of the slave songs from some that I sang to him; for he used to stop me and ask if that was the way the slaves sang."

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ment, but less than that of the first; and there is the traditional repeat. In the free fantasia the thematic material of the first part is worked out; and then there is a return of the first theme in the tonic at the beginning of the third part, which is in general a regular reproduction of the first, with changes of tonalities. The brilliant coda is built chiefly on the first theme.

In the second movement, *Largo*, D-flat major, 4-4, Dvořák is said to have attempted the suggestion of the mood in the story of *Hiawatha's* wooing, as told by Longfellow.* The chief and romantic theme is sung by the English horn over a soft accompaniment of strings. The development is extended. After the theme is sung by two muted horns, there is a change to C-sharp minor, *un poco più mosso*. A short transitional passage on a contrasting theme leads to the second theme in the wood-wind over a bass in counterpoint and pizzicato. There are several melodies in this movement; but, while the sentiments are diverse, there is no abruptness in contrast. There is a return to the first theme in the English horn. The movement ends *pianissimo* with a chord in the double-basses alone.

Third movement, *Scherzo: Molto vivace*, E minor, 3-4. It opens with a theme, for flutes and oboes, which appears as a rule in imitations. The second theme, in E major, *poco sostenuto*, also for flutes and oboes, is of more song-like character. The trio, C major, opens with a lively theme for wind instruments. This is followed by a second theme for strings. A reminiscence of the opening theme of the first movement is heard just before the trio, and also in the coda.

The Finale, *Allegro con fuoco*, E minor, 4-4, opens with a few introductory measures. The first theme is given out fortissimo by horns and trumpets against staccato chords in the rest of the orchestra. The development is first in the strings, then in the full orchestra. After the development of subsidiary matter the clarinet sings the second theme. In the development that follows

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PRELUDE TO THE OPERA "LOHENGRIN" RICHARD WAGNER

(Born at Leipsic, May 22, 1813; died at Venice, February 13, 1883)

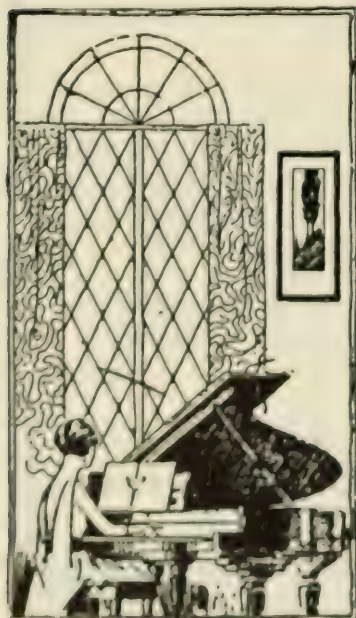
"Lohengrin," an opera in three acts, was performed for the first time at the Court Theatre, Weimar, August 28, 1850. The cast was as follows: Lohengrin, Beck; Telramund, Milde; King Henry, Höfer; the Herald, Pättsch; Orturd, Miss Fastlinger; Elsa, Miss Agthe. Liszt conducted.

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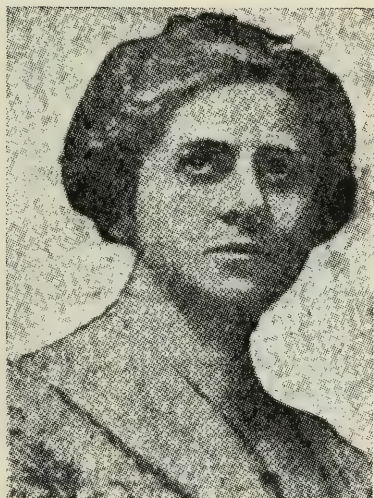
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entrance to a rocky cave; above the cave, the crag rises to its highest point. Towards the rear the view is unobstructed; higher and lower rocks form the edge of the abyss. Clouds sweep by the ridge, as though driven by a storm. Gerhilde, Ortlinde, Waltraute and Schwertleite have camped on the summit, over the cave; they are in full armor. . . . A big cloud approaches from the rear."

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RICHARD WAGNER

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"Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" was performed for the first time at the Royal Court Theatre, Munich, on June 21, 1868.*

The idea of the opera occurred to Wagner at Marienbad in 1845. His first sketch was made at Dresden in 1845. The scenario then sketched differed widely from the one adopted. The libretto was

* The chief singers at this first performance at the Royal Court Theatre, Munich, were Betz, Hans Sach; Bausewein, Pogner; Hölzel, Beckmesser; Schlosser, David; Nachbaur, Walther von Stolzing; Miss Mallinger, Eva; Mme. Diez, Magdalene. The first performance in the United States was at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, January 4, 1886: Emil Fischer, Sachs; Joseph Staudigl, Pogner; Otto Kemnitz, Beckmesser; Krämer, David; Albert Stritt, Walther von Stolzing; Auguste Krauss (Mrs. Anton Seidl), Eva; Marianne Brandt, Magdalene. The first performance in Boston was at the Boston Theatre, April 8, 1889, with Fischer, Sachs; Beck, Pogner; Mödinger, Beckmesser; Sedlmayer, David; Alvary, Walther von Stolzing; Kaschoska, Eva; Reil, Magdalene. Singers from the Orpheus Club of Boston assisted in the choruses of the third act. Anton Seidl conducted.

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completed at Paris in 1861. Wagner worked at Biebrich in 1862 on the music. The score was finished on October 20, 1867.

The prelude to Act III begins with a slow unison passage for violoncellos—a theme associated with the character of Hans Sachs. The second phase is made the subject of a quasi-fugal exposition in the strings. This passage, *Etwas gedehnt* (*un poco largo*), G minor, 4-4, is followed by measures in G major, the choral greeting to Sachs, sung as the poet appears as a judge in the singing contest (Act III). This greeting is here in full harmony for bassoons, horns, trumpets, trombones and bass tuba. The strings interrupt by playing passages based on phrases from Sachs's cobbler song and the Sachs motive heard at the beginning of the Prelude, and ends with some reminiscences (violins) of Walther's Spring Song in Act I. The aforesaid wind instruments now give out the second half of the greeting to Sachs. The orchestra then develops polyphonically the Sachs motive. There is a diminuendo which fades away in violins, violas and violoncellos, with a final reference to the cobbler's song.

PRELUDE TO "THE MASTERSINGERS OF NUREMBERG"

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(Born at Leipsic, May 22, 1813; died at Venice, February 13, 1883)

The Prelude to "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" was performed for the first time in the Gewandhaus at Leipsic, November 1, 1862. At a concert organized by Wendelin Weissheimer for the production of certain works, Wagner conducted this Prelude and the overture to "Tannhäuser." The hall was nearly empty, but the Prelude was

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received with so much favor that it was immediately played a second time. The opera was first performed at Munich, June 21, 1868.

One critic wrote of the Prelude, "The overture, a long movement in moderate march tempo, with predominating brass, without any distinguishing chief thoughts and without noticeable and recurring points of rest, went along and soon awakened a feeling of monotony." The critic of the *Mitteldeutsche Volkzeitung* wrote in terms of enthusiasm. The *Signale's* critic was bitter in opposition. He wrote at length, and finally characterized the Prelude as "a chaos," a 'tohu-wabohu' and nothing more." For an entertaining account of the early adventures of the Prelude, see "Erlebnisse mit Richard Wagner, Franz Liszt, und vielen anderen Zeitgenossen, nebst deren Briefen," by W. Weissheimer (Stuttgart and Leipsic, 1898), pages 163-209.

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he is noble and superior to all when he takes fire." The theme might characterize the German bourgeoisie (compare Elgar's theme of "London Citizenship" in "Cockaigne").

Wagner in his Autobiography tells how the idea of "Die Meistersinger" formed itself; how he began to elaborate it in the hope that it might free him from the thrall of the idea of "Lohengrin"; but he was impelled to go back to the latter opera. The melody for the fragment of Sachs's poem on the Reformation occurred to him while going through the galleries of the Palais Royal on his way to the Taverne Anglaise. "There I found Truinet already waiting for me and asked him to give me a scrap of paper and a pencil to jot down my melody, which I quietly hummed over to him at the time." "As from the balcony of my flat, in a sunset of great splendor, I gazed upon the magnificent spectacle of 'Golden' Mayence, with the majestic Rhine pouring along its outskirts in a glory of light, the prelude to my 'Meistersinger' again suddenly made its presence closely and distinctly felt in my soul. Once before had I seen it rise before me out of a lake of sorrow, like some distant mirage. I proceeded to write down the prelude exactly as it appears to-day in the score, that is, containing the clear outlines of the leading themes of the whole drama." One night when he had sketched the theme of Pagner, "Das schöne Fest Johannistag," he heard suddenly the mad laughter, horrible whimpering, and frightful howling of his servant Lieschen attacked with hysterical convulsions.



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(Born at Votkinsk in the government of Viatka, Russia, May 7, 1840; died at Leningrad, November 6, 1893)

Tchaikovsky on the voyage from New York to Hamburg in May, 1891, made sketches for a sixth symphony. He worked on this symphony in 1892, was dissatisfied with it, and destroyed it before he began to orchestrate it. His third pianoforte concerto, Op. 75, was based on the first movement of the rejected work. (This concerto was played after his death by Tanéïev in Leningrad.) Another work, posthumous, the Andante and Finale for pianoforte with orchestra, orchestrated by Tanéïev, and produced at Leningrad on February 20, 1896, was also based on the sketches for this Symphony.

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The first mention of the "Pathetic" Symphony is in a letter from Tchaikovsky to his brother Anatol, dated Klin, February 22, 1893: "I am now wholly occupied with the new work (a symphony) and it is hard for me to tear myself away from it. I believe it comes into being as the best of my works. I must finish it as soon as possible, for I have to wind up a lot of affairs and I must also soon go to London. I told you that I had completed a symphony which

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Tchaikovsky went to London in May, and the next month he was at Cambridge, to receive, on June 13, with Saint-Saëns, Grieg, Boïto, Bruch, the Doctor's degree *honoris causa*. Grieg, whom Tchaikovsky loved as man and composer, was sick and could not be present. "Outside of Saint-Saëns the sympathetic one to me is Boïto. Bruch—an unsympathetic, bumptious person." At the ceremonial concert, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" was played. General Roberts was also made a Doctor on this occasion, as were the Maharadja of Bhonnaggor and Lord Herschel.

At home again, Peter wrote to Modest early in August that he was up to his neck in his symphony. "The orchestration is the more difficult, the farther I go. Twenty years ago I let myself write at ease without much thought, and it was all right. Now I have become cowardly and uncertain. I have sat the whole day over two pages: that which I wished came constantly to naught. In spite of this, I make progress." He wrote to Davidov, August 15: "The symphony which I intended to dedicate to you—I shall reconsider this on account of your long silence—is progressing. I am very well satisfied with the contents, but not wholly with the



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orchestration. I do not succeed in my intentions. It will not surprise me in the least if the symphony is cursed or judged unfavorably; 'twill not be for the first time. I myself consider it the best, especially the most open-hearted of all my works. I love it as I *never* have loved any other of my musical creations. My life is without the charm of variety; evenings I am often bored; but I do not complain, for the symphony is now the main thing, and I cannot work anywhere so well as at home." He wrote Jurgenson, his publisher, on August 24 that he had finished the orchestration: "I give you my word of honor that never in my life have I been so contented, so proud, so happy, in the knowledge that I have written a good piece." It was at this time that he thought seriously of writing an opera with a text founded on "The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Mr. Barton," by George Eliot, of whose best works he was an enthusiastic admirer.

Early in October he wrote to the Grand Duke Constantine: "I have without exaggeration put my whole soul into this symphony, and I hope that your highness will like it. I do not know whether it will seem original in its material, but there is this peculiarity of form: the Finale is an Adagio, not an Allegro, as is the custom." Later he explained to the Grand Duke why he did not wish to write a Requiem. He said in substance that the text contained too much about God as a revengeful judge; he did not believe in such a deity; nor could such a deity awaken in him the necessary inspiration: "I should feel the greatest enthusiasm in putting music to certain parts of the gospels, if it were only possible. How often,

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for instance, have I been enthusiastic over a musical illustration of Christ's words: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden'; also, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light'! What boundless love and compassion for mankind are in these words!"

Tchaikovsky left Klin forever on October 19. He stopped at Moscow to attend a funeral, and there with Kashkin he talked freely after supper. Friends had died; who would be the next to go? "I told Peter," said Kashkin, "that he would outlive us all. He disputed the likelihood, yet added that never had he felt so well and happy." Peter told him that he had no doubt about the first three movements of his new symphony, but that the last was still doubtful in his mind; after the performance he might destroy it and write another finale. He arrived at Leningrad in good spirits, but he was depressed because the symphony made no impression on the orchestra at the rehearsals. He valued highly the opinion of players, and he conducted well only when he knew that the orchestra liked the work. He was dependent on them for the finesse of interpretation. "A cool facial expression, an indifferent glance, a yawn,—these tied his hands; he lost his readiness of mind, he went over the work carelessly, and cut short the rehearsal, that the players might be freed from their boresome work." Yet he insisted that he never had written and never would write a better composition than this symphony.

The Sixth Symphony was performed for the first time at Leningrad October 28, 1893. The programme included an overture to an unfinished opera by Laroche, Tchaikovsky's B-flat minor Concerto

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for pianoforte, played by Adele aus der Ohe, the dances from Mozart's "Idomeneo," and Liszt's Spanish Rhapsody for pianoforte. Tchaikovsky conducted. The symphony failed. "There was applause," says Modest, "and the composer was recalled, but with no more enthusiasm than on previous occasions. There was not the mighty, overpowering impression made by the work when it was conducted by Naprawnik, November 18, 1893, and later, wherever it was played." The critics were decidedly cool.

The morning after Modest found Peter at the tea-table with the score of the symphony in his hand. He regretted that, inasmuch as he had to send it that day to the publisher, he had not yet given it a title. He wished something more than "No. 6," and did not like "Programme Symphony." "What does Programme Symphony mean when I will give it no programme?" Modest suggested "Tragic," but Peter said that would not do. "I left the room before he had come to a decision. Suddenly I thought, 'Pathetic.' I went back to the room,—I remember it as though it were yesterday,—and I said the word to Peter. 'Splendid, Modi, bravo, "Pathetic"!' and he wrote in my presence the title that will forever remain."

On October 30 Tchaikovsky asked Jurgenson by letter to put on the title-page the dedication to Vladimir Liwowitzsch Davidov, and added: "This symphony met with a singular fate. It has not exactly failed, but it has incited surprise. As for me, I am prouder of it than any other of my works."

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There are some who find pleasure in the thought that the death of a great man was in some way mysterious or melodramatic. For years some insisted that Salieri caused Mozart to be poisoned. There was a rumor after Tchaikovsky's death that he took poison or sought deliberately the cholera. When Mr. Alexander Siloti, a pupil of Tchaikovsky, first visited Boston, in 1898, he did not hesitate to say that there might be truth in the report, and, asked as to his own belief, he shook his head with a portentous gravity that Burleigh might have envied. We have been assured by other Russians who knew Tchaikovsky that he killed himself, nor was the reason for his so doing withheld. Peter's brother Modest gives a circumstantial account of Peter's death from natural causes. Peter awoke November 2 after a restless night, but he went out about noon to make a call; he returned to luncheon, ate nothing, and drank a

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glass of water that had not been boiled. Modest and others were alarmed, but Peter was not disturbed, for he was less afraid of the cholera than of other diseases. Not until night was there any thought of serious illness, and then Peter said to his brother: "I think this is death. Good-by, Modi." At eleven o'clock that night it was determined that his sickness was cholera.

Modest tells at length the story of Peter's ending. Their mother had died of cholera in 1854, at the very moment that she was put into a bath. The physicians recommended as a last resort a warm bath for Peter, who, when asked if he would take one, answered: "I shall be glad to have a bath, but I shall probably die as soon as I am in the tub—as my mother died." The bath was not given that night, the second night after the disease had been determined, for Peter was too weak. He was at times delirious, and he often repeated the name of Mme. von Meck in reproach or in anger, for he had been sorely hurt by her sudden and capricious neglect after her years of interest and devotion. The next day the bath was given. A priest was called, but it was not possible to administer the Communion, and he spoke words that the dying man could no longer understand. "Peter Ilich suddenly opened his eyes. There was an indescribable expression of unclouded consciousness. Passing over the others standing in the room, he looked at the three nearest him, and then toward heaven. There was a certain light for a moment in his eyes, which was soon extinguished, at the same time with his breath. It was about three o'clock in the morning."

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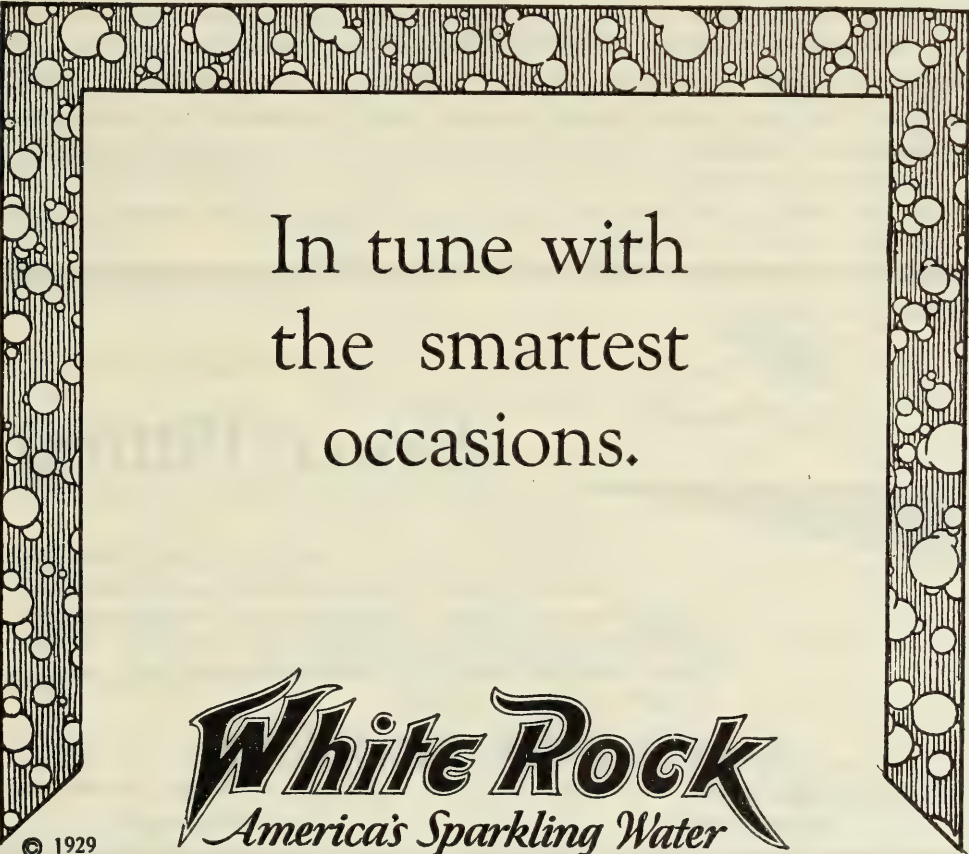
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What was the programme in Tchaikovsky's mind? Kashkin says that, if the composer had disclosed it to the public, the world would not have regarded the symphony as a kind of legacy from one filled with a presentiment of his own approaching end; that it seems more reasonable "to interpret the overwhelming energy of the third movement and the abysmal sorrow of the Finale in the broader light of a national or historical significance rather than to narrow them to the expression of an individual experience. If the last movement is intended to be predictive, it is surely of things vaster and issues more fatal than are contained in a mere personal apprehension of death. It speaks rather of a '*lamentation large et souffrance inconnue*,' and seems to set the seal of finality on all human hopes. Even if we eliminate the purely subjective interest, this autumnal inspiration of Tchaikovsky, in which we hear 'the ground whirl of the perished leaves of hope, still remains the most profoundly stirring of his works.' . . ."

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quickly with no intervals between the beats; it rattles for the marriage; it tolls for the death, and now it says in deep and muttering sounds, 'Come to the ordeal, come to the ordeal, come, come, come.' " Rowbotham's claim that the drum was the first musical instrument known to man has been disputed by some who insist that knowledge and use of the pipe were first; but his chapters on the drum are eloquent as well as ingenious and learned. He finds that the dripping of water at regular intervals on a rock and the regular knocking of two boughs against one another in a wood are of a totally different order of sound from the continual chirrup of birds or the monotonous gurgling of a brook. And why? Because in this dripping of water and knocking of boughs is "the innuendo of design." Rowbotham also shows that there was a period in the history of mankind when there was an organized system of religion in which the drum was worshipped as a god, just as years afterward bells were thought to speak, to be alive, were dressed and adorned with ornaments. Now Tchaikovsky's drum has "the innuendo of design"; we are not sure but he worshipped it with fetishistic honors; surely the Tchaikovsky of the Pathetic Symphony cries out with the North American brave: "Do you *understand* what my drum says?"

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This concerto, composed in the spring of 1913, was played in August of that year by Mr. Prokofieff at one of the famous concerts at Pavlovsk near Leningrad. There were several performances after that, with the composer pianist at the symphony concerts at Len-

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ingrad; there was also one in 1915 at an Augusteo concert in Rome, directed by Mr. Molinari.

The manuscript score was left in Leningrad when Prokofieff came to the United States in 1918, and was lost with the orchestral parts with other manuscripts when his apartment was confiscated by the decree of the Soviet Government. Sketches of the piano part were saved. They were taken away by the composer's mother in 1921. From these sketches, Mr. Prokofieff in 1923 remade the concerto as it now stands.

The new version differs greatly from the original. While the composer endeavored to leave intact the thematic material and the form of the original version, he at the same time wished to avail himself of the technical resources acquired by him during the ten years that stood between the two versions.

This information and the notes that follow are taken from the programme book of the Koussevitzky concert in Paris when the concerto was performed for the first time in that city on May 8, 1924.

I. Andantino—Allegretto—Andantino. The movement begins with the announcement of the first theme, to which is opposed a second episode of a faster pace in A minor. The piano enters solo in a technically complicated cadenza, with a repetition of the first episode in the first part.

II. Scherzo. This Scherzo is in the nature of a moto perpetuo in sixteenth notes by the two hands in the interval of an octave, while the orchestral accompaniment furnishes a background.

III. Intermezzo. This movement, moderato, is conceived in a strictly classical form.

IV. Finale. After measures in quick movement, the first subject is given to the piano. The second is of a calmer, more cantabile nature—piano solo at first—followed by several canons for piano and orchestra. Later the two themes are joined, the piano playing one, the orchestra the other. There is a short coda based chiefly upon the first subject.



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I. The Neighbors. II. The Miller's Dance. III. Final Dance.

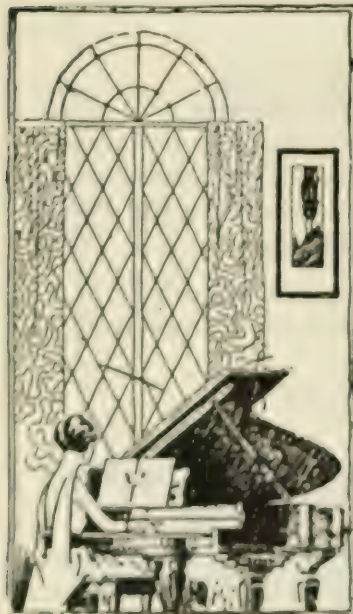
The score calls for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, side drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, xylophone, tam-tam castanets, celesta, harp, piano, and the usual strings.

"When the Russian Ballet visited Spain, Serge de Diaghilev was so much interested in the work of de Falla that he commissioned him to write a ballet on the subject of Alarcón's novel, 'El Sombrero de Tres Picos.' "

This ballet "The Three-cornered Hat" was performed for the first time on any stage by the Russian Ballet at the Alhambra, London, on July 23, 1919. The scenario was arranged by Martinez Sierra; the stage settings and costumes were designed by Pablo Picasso. The Miller, Léonide Massine; the Corregidor, Léon Woisikovsky; the Miller's Wife, Tamar Karsavina; the Corregidor's Wife, Miss Grantzeva; the Dandy, Stanislas Idzikovsky; the Singer, Zoia Rosovsky. Ernest Ansermet conducted.

Joaquin Turina says (*The Chesterian*, May, 1920) that the first

*Don Antonio Pedro de Alarcón (1833-91) based this famous story, which was first entitled "El Corregidor y la Molinera" ("The Corregidor and the Miller's Wife") on an old Spanish tale which he heard in his youth. In the summer of 1874 he was asked to write a story for a Cuban weekly; but a friend persuaded him to publish it in the *Revista Europea*, Madrid. It appeared in book form a month later, and met with great success. It has been translated into at least seven languages. Librettos for these operas have been derived from it: "Der Corregidor," by Hugo Wolf (Mannheim, June 7, 1896); "Margitta," by Erik Meyer-Helmund (Magdeburg, 1889); "Der Richter von Grenada," by Richard von Perger (Cologne, 1889); "Die Lachtaune," by Eugen Taubert (Vienna, 1895).



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version of "The Three-cornered Hat" was produced at the Eslava Theatre, Madrid, under the title of "El Corregidor y la Molinera." Turina was then conducting this theatre's orchestra. The "pantomime" of de Falla was accompanied by only seventeen players. "The composer was confronted with one great difficulty, and that was to follow musically the action of the play without spoiling the unity of his score. The music therefore continually reflected a certain anxiety on the composer's part, as if he were trying to disentangle himself, so to speak, from the external network. The transformation of the 'pantomime' into a ballet at once cleared away all these difficulties. This is quite natural, for in the new version the action became reduced to a strictly indispensable minimum, and the dances became predominant, those already existing being considerably amplified."

Turina finds the Miller's Dance the most interesting, "because of its typically Andalusian character, its fascinating rhythm which is like an affirmation of southern art, and its Moorish character." In the Final Dance the jota and the folk theme called *vito* are introduced.

The *Daily Telegraph* (July 24, 1919) said of the ballet:—

"Over the whole brisk action is the spirit of frivolous comedy of a kind by no means common only to Spain of the eighteenth century. A young miller and his wife are the protagonists, and if their existence be idyllic in theory, it is extraordinarily strenuous in practice—chorographically. But that is only another way of saying that M. Massine and Madame Karsavina, who enact the couple, are hardly ever off the stage, and that both of them work with an energy and exuberance that almost leave one breathless at moments. The miller and his wife between them, however, would scarcely suffice even for a slender ballet plot. So we have as well an amorous Corregidor (or

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Governor), who orders the miller's arrest so that the way may be cleared for a pleasant little flirtation—if nothing more serious—with the captivating wife. Behold the latter fooling him with a seductive dance, and then evading her admirer with such agility that, in his pursuit of her, he tumbles over a bridge into the mill-stream. But, as this is comedy, and not melodrama, the would-be lover experiences nothing worse than a wetting, and the laugh, which is turned against him, is renewed when, having taken off some of his clothes to dry them, and gone to rest on the miller's bed, his presence is discovered by the miller himself, who, in revenge, goes off in the intruder's garments after scratching a message on the wall to the effect that 'Your wife is no less beautiful than mine!' Thereafter a 'gallimaufry of gambols' and—curtain!"



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1927. October 14, "El Amor Brujo."

1929. January 18, Three Dances from "The Three-Cornered Hat."

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De Falla studied harmony with Alejandro Otero and Enrique Broca. Going to Madrid, he took pianoforte lessons of José Trigo and studied composition with Felipe Pedrell. Before De Falla was fourteen, the Madrid Academy of Music awarded him the first prize for pianoforte-playing. Between 1890 and 1904 he was busy as a virtuoso and a composer. About 1900 he wrote light music for the theatre. Having received in 1905, for his opera "La Vida breve," the award offered by the Spanish Academy of Fine Arts, he was

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* Sung here by Mme. Eva Gauthier, March 21, 1920.—P.H.

† "Lillian Grenville" (Katherine Goertner), was born in New York on December 23, 1884, educated at a convent in Montreal, and went to Paris in 1901, where she studied singing. She made her first appearance in opera at Nice as Juliet on February 15, 1906, having sung at the San Carlo, Naples, the Monnaie, Brussels, Lisbon, Genoa, Milan, and elsewhere. She was a member of the Chicago Opera Company (1910-11), taking the parts of Mimi, Tosca, Marguerite. She "created" leading parts in "*Laura*," "*Fortunio*," "*Marcella*," "*Quo Vadis*," "*L'Auberge Rouge*," and Herbert's "*Natoma*." Her birthday is also given as November 20, 1888.

‡ This opera in two acts and four scenes was heard at a public rehearsal at the Opéra-Comique, Paris, on December 30, 1913, also on January 6, 1914, and in March, 1928. Paul Milliet translated Carlos Fernandez Shaw's libretto. The opera was warmly praised by the critics. *Salud*, Mme. Carré; *La Grandmère*, Mlle. Brohly; *Carmela*, Mlle. Syril; *Paco*, Francell; *L'Oncle Sarvaor*, Vieuille. Ruhlmann conducted. One of the critics said that De Falla had been in Spain a pupil of Albeniz. The opera at this theatre was performed publicly for the first time on January 6, 1914. There were eight performances that season. The opera was produced at the Metropolitan, New York, on March 6, 1926.

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*Fragments from "El Amor Brujo" ("Love, the Wizard"), "Danza del fin del dia" for pianoforte, and a song for low voice, "Cancion del amor dolido," have been published. An orchestral suite from the ballet was announced in London for performance on November 23, 1921.

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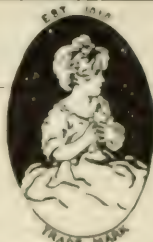
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in New York by the League of Composers on December 29, 1925, at Town Hall, with puppets designed by Remo Bufano. His Concerto for harpsichord (or piano), flute, oboe, clarinet, violin, and violoncello, was performed for the first time at the De Falla Festival held at Barcelona on November 5, 1926. Wanda Landowska played the harpsichord.

He wrote for the guitar "Homenaje" "(Homage)" for the "Tombeau de Claude Debussy." This piece, which is also transcribed for the piano, was published in 1921.

The second book of his songs includes "El Paño moruno," "Seguidilla murciana," "Asturiana," "Jotó," "Nana," "Canción," "Polo." De Falla lives on the Alhambra Mount in Grenada. Joaquin Turina described him in 1920: "Manuel de Falla, with his almost ascetic features, his large forehead, and bright eyes like two glowing embers, might almost be taken for an anchorite. His gentle bearing and invariably courteous manner do not conceal the inflexibility of his ideas, the strength of his principles, and a certain tenacity of purpose."

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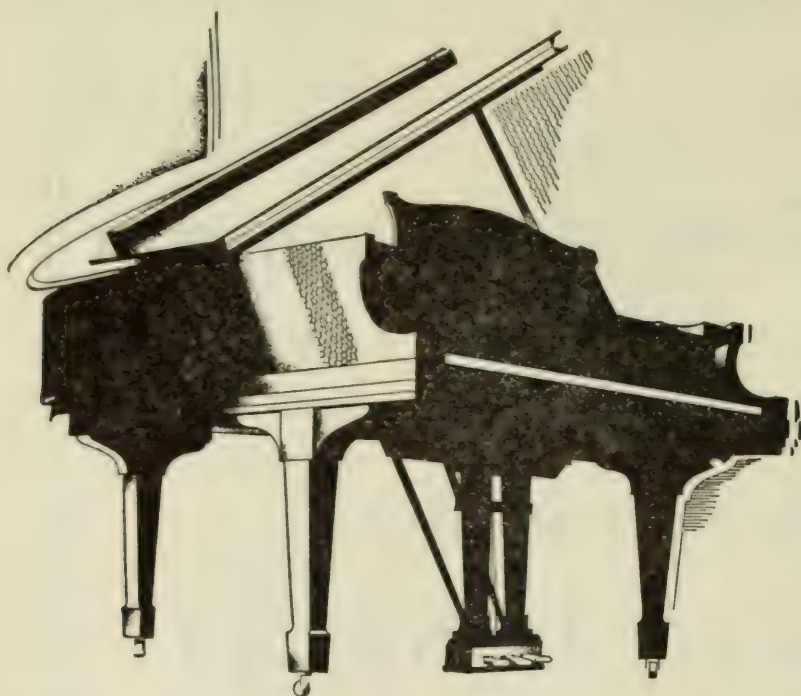
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(Born at Rohrau-on-the-Leitha on April 1, 1732; died at Vienna on May 31, 1809)

This symphony, composed in 1765,* is known as "Mit dem Hornsignal"; also as "Auf den Anstand."† The music has the joy of the chase. One remembers that Haydn wrote another symphony, "La Chasse" (1781), which has been performed at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He gave titles to certain symphonies; others supplied titles to some. The title often had reference to the "programme character" of the music, even though it was applicable to

*Haydn was then the second Kapellmeister in the service of Prince Nikolaus Joseph Esterhazy, who maintained an orchestra at Eisenstadt. Haydn had in 1761 filled this position under Prince Paul Anton Esterhazy, who died in 1762. Gregorius Joseph Werner was the first Kapellmeister. When he died in 1766, Haydn succeeded him and remained at Eisenstadt until 1790, when Prince Anton, the son of Paul Anton, dismissed the orchestra. Haydn then moved to Vienna. The Esterhazy orchestra numbered fifteen members when Haydn was called there. Under Nikolaus Joseph, it was increased to thirty (without singers). Haydn's first symphony was written in 1759, when he was the musical director of Count Morzin's Orchestra at Lukavec near Pilsen.

†*Anstand* meant originally "address, bearing, deportment, dignity"; then, "delay, suspension, pause"; also, "hesitation, doubt, apprehension."

In hunting it meant "a stand, a hiding-place (to lie in wait for game)." *Auf den Anstand gehen*—"to go shooting from a hiding-place," etc. This definition evidently applies to the second title of the symphony.

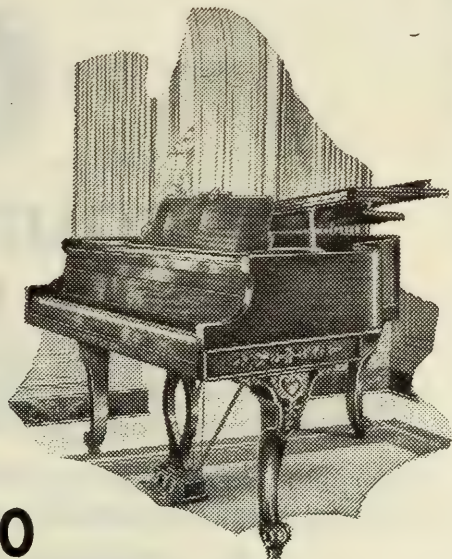
The German dictionary of the eighteenth century that is at hand does not give this last definition. Christian Ludwig's "Teutsch (*sic*) Englisches Lexicon" (Leipsic, 1765), contains many curious colloquial expressions, phrases, even slang terms—a most readable book of 2,370 double columns, quarto—but the hunting term is not mentioned.

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This symphony is noteworthy because the score calls for four horns. This is the first instance, it is believed, that so many horns were employed in a symphony. There are four horns for the hunters' chorus in Haydn's "Seasons," so that the symphony seems to some a preparatory study. The score also calls for one flute, two oboes, and the usual strings.

I. Allegro, D major, 3-4. The first theme is in two sections: first, the horn call; the second, as a distant answer. A figure is introduced at the end of this second section that was a favorite one with Mozart—as in the "Jupiter" Symphony. There are quieter melodic measures. The flute introduces the horns for a second theme, with succeeding measures for the strings. In the working-out section following this last subject, but inverted, comes the second theme also the earlier echoing answer. The repetition section begins with the supplementary theme, now in D minor, the "answering" section in D major; there is a passing reference to the quieter,



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more melodic measures; finally, the ending of the movement with the first section of the first theme. In Haydn's catalogue, the tempo is given as *Larghetto*, but this is probably due to some error.

II. *Adagio*, G major, 6-8. Only horns and strings are employed. The most important thematic material is in the opening solo for violin, with its ornamented melody. Horns are in dialogue with this violin and a solo violoncello. Horns at once take the beginning of the theme for the solo violin. In this movement, the horns are used in two keys, D and G. The *Adagio* has somewhat the character of a *Sicilienne*, in the accompaniment to the melody as in the melody itself.

III. *Menuet*, D major, 3-4. A sturdy movement in which all the instruments are simultaneously engaged; but in the *Trio*, D major, 3-4, there is alternate play of instruments.

IV. The *Finale*—*Molto moderato*—*Presto*, has an unusual character. The strings play a quiet theme in simple song-form. Then follow seven variations:

1. Two oboes and two horns, accompanied by strings.
2. Violoncello solo, with strings accompanying.
3. Flute solo, with strings.
4. Horn quartet, with strings. The first horn part goes to *F*-sharp.
5. Violin solo, with strings.
6. The full orchestra. The theme is not changed melodically or harmonically, but the instrumentation differs from that of the first entrance. The orchestra remains *piano* throughout the variation.
7. Violoncello solo, with strings. A short passage leads to a

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"Schelomo" was performed in New York at a concert of the Society of the Friends of Music on May 3, 1917, Hans Kindler, violoncellist. The orchestral score was published in 1918. The piece was performed in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Mr. Kindler, violoncellist, on October 27, 1922. The first performance in Boston was at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Jean Bedetti, violoncellist, April 13, 1923.

The *Musical Quarterly* of January 1921, published a translation by Theodore Barker of Guido M. Gatti's estimate of "Schelomo" contributed to *La Critica Musicale* of April—May, 1920:—

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in the heart of a dream-world, in an Orient of fancy, where men and women of every race and tongue are holding argument or hurling maledictions; and now and again we hear the mournful accents of the prophetic seer, under the influence of which all bow down and listen reverently. The entire discourse of the soloist, vocal rather than instrumental, seems like musical expression intimately conjoined with the Talmudic prose. The pauses, the repetitions of entire passages, the leaps of a double octave, the chromatic progressions, all find their analogues in the Book of Ecclesiastes—in the versicles, in the fairly epigraphic reiteration of the admonitions ('and all is vanity and vexation of spirit'), in the unexpected shifts from one thought to another, in certain *crescendi* of emotion that end in explosions of anger or grief uncontrolled."

Mr. Lawrence Gilman, editor of the Philadelphia Orchestra's Programme Books, wrote when "Schelomo" was performed in Philadelphia:—

"The texture of the music, and especially the writing for the solo violoncello, is extraordinary in its richness of dramatic, poetical, and pictorial suggestion—an imaginative projection of singular vividness and intensity. The violoncellist and the seconding orchestra are by turns lyrist and tragedian, poet and seer. The great king amid his gorgeousness, reflecting in disillusionment upon his silver

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It is perhaps unnecessary to say that Solomon was not the author of that strange book "Ecclesiastes," or "Koheleth." The book is post-exilic in date. It was written either in the last century of Persian rule, when the empire of Cyrus gradually broke up (in the fourth century), or in the period of the later Ptolemies and Seleucids, "in a corrupt Hellenistic period" (in the third century). The background is not at all that of Solomon's time, but post-Solomonic. It is reasonable to suppose that the author was a scribe, a leading



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"The sun hides not Virginia's Dismal Swamp," says Herman Melville in "Moby Dick," "nor Rome's accursed Campagna, nor wide Sahara, nor all the millions of miles of deserts and of griefs beneath the moon. The sun hides not the ocean, which is the dark

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side of this earth, and which is two-thirds of this earth. So, therefore, that mortal man who hath more of joy than sorrow in him, that mortal man cannot be true,—not true, or undeveloped. With books the same. The truest of all men was the Man of Sorrows, and the truest of all books is Solomon's, and Ecclesiastes is the fine hammered steel of woe. 'All is vanity.' ALL. This wilful world hath not got hold of unchristian Solomon's wisdom yet. But he who dodges hospitals and jails, and walks fast crossing graveyards, and would rather talk of operas than hell; calls Cowper, Young, Pascal, Rousseau, poor devils all of sick men; and throughout a carefree lifetime swears by Rabelais as passing wise, and therefore jolly;—not that man is fitted to sit down on tombstones, and break the green damp mould with unfathomably wondrous Solomon."

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

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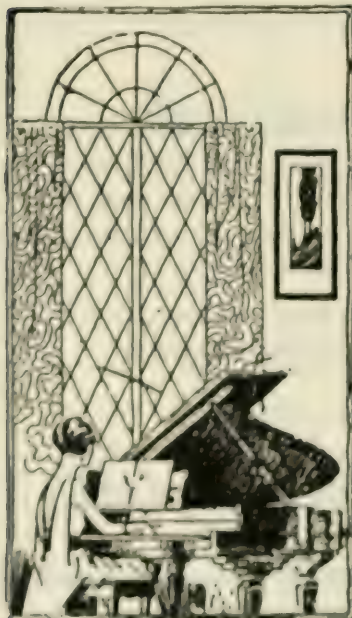
Tempo di ballo, moderato assai, 3-4. A drum gives the dance rhythm, which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a “tornado of sound.”

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of “Valencia,” had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.

Ravel’s Bolero calls for these instruments: piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, oboe d’amour, English horn, two clarinets, one E-flat clarinet, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones bass tuba, three saxophones, kettledrums, side drums, cymbals, tam-tam, celesta, harp, and the usual strings.

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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czer-



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winski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

The name "Bolero" or "Volero" is supposed by some to come from *volar*, to fly, "because a Manchega expert had danced the Seguidillas so wonderfully and lightly that he seemed to fly." Is the Bolero the outcome of the Seguidillas? When the Bolero or Fandango is danced as a ballet by eight persons, it is usually called the Seguidillas.

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The Bolero is to be found in some operas, as in Auber's "La Muette di Portici" ("Masaniello"), Act I, Scene 3, Allegretto moderato, C major, 3-4; Méhul's "Les deux Aveugles de Tolède"; Weber's stage music for "Preciosa." Perhaps the most famous Bolero in opera is that sung by the Duchess Hélène in the fifth act of Verdi's "Vêpres Siciliennes" (Allegro, A minor—A major, 3-4), sung first in Paris by Mme. Cruvelli; in Boston by Mme. Colson, when Verdi's opera was first performed here on January 2, 1860—this Bolero has often been sung here in concert halls. There are Boleros for orchestra by Alexandra Josifovna, Grand Duchess of Russia; T. A. Kui, J. L. Nicode, Pachulski; songs by Gounod, Lacombe d'Estalénx; piano pieces, of which Chopin's is the

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best known, although it has little true Spanish character, and might be called a *Boléro à la Polonaise*. Nevertheless Chopin received 500 francs for it when it was published as a "Souvenir d'Andalousie."

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The Bolero has been noticed by English poets. Byron, in a song intended for the first canto of "Childe Harold," but replaced (Verse LXXXIV) by the lines "To Inez," wrote in praise of the lovely girl of Cadiz:

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 Then hey for a bucket, a bucket, a bucket,
 Then hey for a bucket, filled up to the brim!
 Or, best of all notions, let's have it by oceans,
 With plenty of room for a sink or a swim!

William Beckford, for his delightful "Italy, with Sketches of Portugal and Spain," delightful for its malice and cynicism as well as for the graphic description of scenery, cities, men, women, and manners, did not hesitate to coin the verb "to bolero": "Thirteen or fourteen couples started and boleroed and fandangoed away upon a thick carpet for an hour or two, without intermission. There are scarcely any boarded floors in Madrid; so the custom of dancing upon rugs is universally established"* (Vol. II, Letter XVI).

He himself, at Señor Pacheco's at Madrid, danced a bolero, snapping his fingers and stamping his feet, while twenty voices accompanied with "its appropriate words" in full chorus; but he admits that he committed solecisms in good dancing at every step. "I am more than apt to conjecture we were but very slightly entitled to any applause; yet the transports we called forth were as fervid as those the famous Le Pique excited at Naples, in the zenith of his popularity." At last the Duchess of Ossuna, the patroness of the composer Boccherini, said to Beckford, in the plainest language: "You are making the greatest

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and especially of the most typical type, called flamenco, lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."* He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals, beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless.

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*Yet the English have laughed at the Americans for certain prudish euphemisms.—P. H.

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Then there are Théophile Gautier's descriptions of Spanish dancers; and in the five volumes of his theatrical criticisms, eloquent studies of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis's chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the "Escenas Andaluzas" (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for "the deeper significance of Spanish dancing" to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in "Hampa" (1898).

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- I. Allegro moderato.
- { II. Andante con moto.
- { III. Rondo vivace.

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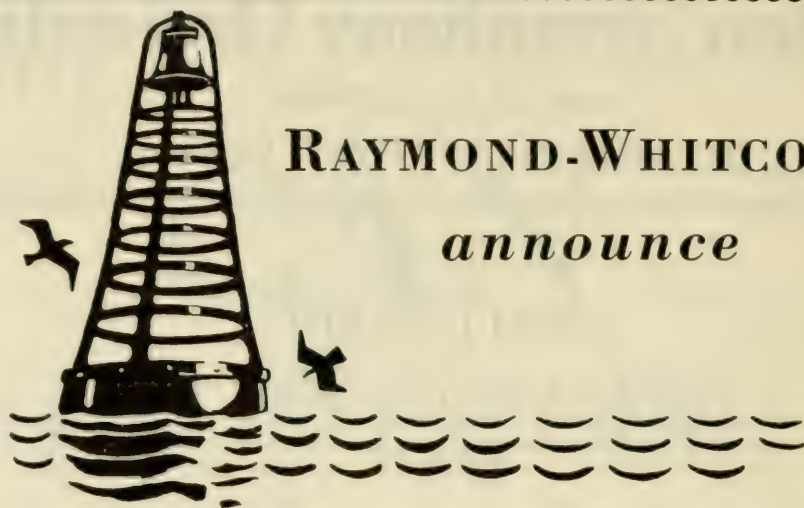
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OVERTURE TO "LEONORE" No. 3, Op. 72 . . . LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

Beethoven's opera, "Fidelio, oder die eheliche Liebe," with text adapted freely by Joseph Sonnleithner from the French of Bouilly ("Léonore; ou L'Amour Conjugal," a "historical fact" in two acts and in prose, music by Gaveaux, Opéra-Comique, Paris, February 19, 1798), was first performed at the Theatre an der Wien, Vienna, November 20, 1805, with Anna Pauline Milder, afterwards Mme. Hauptmann, as the heroine. The other parts were taken as follows: Don Fernando, Weinkopf; Don Pizarro, Meier; Florestan, Demmer; Rocco, Rothe; Marzelline (*sic*), Miss Müller; Jacquino, Cache; Wachthauptmann, Meister. "The opera was hastily put upon the stage, and the inadequacy of the singers thus increased by the lack of sufficient rehearsals." Beethoven had received the text in 1804. He worked on the music the following summer at Hetzendorf. On his return to Vienna, rehearsals were begun. In later years Fidelio was one of Anna Milder's great parts: "Judging from the contemporary criticism, it was now (1805), somewhat defective, simply from lack of stage experience."

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of the nobility, merchants, and other residents. The vanguard of the French army entered on November 13. Those of the Viennese who would have appreciated the opera had fled the town. The theatre was not well filled. Many in the audience were or had been officers in Napoleon's army. The success of the opera was small. Only two performances followed the first. At the first and at the second the overture, "Leonora," No. 2, was performed. Dr. Henry Reeve, not a musician, heard the opera at the third performance. He gave an account of what took place: "Beethoven presided at the pianoforte and directed the performance himself. He is a small, dark, young-looking man, wears spectacles, and is like Mr. Koenig.* This is the first opera he ever composed, and it was much applauded; a copy of complimentary verses was showered down from the upper gallery at the end of the piece.† . . . The story and plan of the piece are a miserable mixture of low manners and romantic situations; the airs, duets, and choruses equal to any praise. The several overtures, for there is an overture to each act,‡ appear to be too artificially composed to be generally pleasing, especially on first being heard. Intricacy is the character of Beethoven's music, and it re-

*Koenig was the inventor of a printing press.

†The verses were written by Beethoven's friend Stephan von Breuning. He had the printed copies distributed among the audience.

‡It is not easy to know what is here meant. There were not any entr'actes for the opera, which was in three acts when it was first produced.



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"Leonore" No. 2 was the overture played at the first performance in Vienna. The opera was withdrawn, revised, and produced again on March 29, 1806, when "Leonore," No. 3, a remodelled form of No. 2, was the overture. There was talk of a performance at Prague in 1807. Beethoven wrote for it a new overture, retaining the theme derived from Florestan's air, "In des Lebens Frühlingstagen." The other material in Nos. 2 and 3 was not used. The opera was not performed; the autograph of the overture disappeared. "Fidelio" was revived at Vienna in 1814. For this performance Beethoven wrote the "Fidelio" overture. We know from his diary that he "re-wrote and bettered" the opera by working on it from March to May 15 of that year.

The dress rehearsal was on May 22, but the promised overture was not ready. On the 20th or 21st, Beethoven was dining at a tavern with his friend Bartolini. After the meal was over, Beethoven took a bill-of-fare, drew lines on the back of it, and began to write. "Come let us go," said Bartolini. "No, wait a while: I have the scheme of my overture," answered Beethoven, and he sat until he had finished his sketches. Nor was he at the dress rehearsal. They waited for him a long time, then went to his lodgings. He was fast asleep in bed. A cup of wine and biscuits were near him, and sheets of the overture were on the bed and the floor. The candle was burnt out. It was impossible to use the new overture, which was not even finished. Schindler said a Leonore overture was played. According

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to Seyfried, the overture used was that to "The Ruins of Athens," and his view is now accepted, although Treitsche asserted that the "Prometheus" overture was the one chosen. After Beethoven's death, a score of an overture in C was found among his manuscripts. It was not an autograph score, as I have said, but it was bought by Tobias Haslinger at the sale of Beethoven's effects in November, 1827. This score was not dated, but a first violin part bore the words in the composer's handwriting: "Overtura in C, charakteristische Ouverture. Violino I^{mo}." This work was played at Vienna at a concert given by Bernhard Romberg, February 7, 1828, and it was then described as a "grand characteristic overture" by Beethoven. It was identified later, and circumstances point to 1807 as the date of composition. The overture was published in 1832 or 1833.

The order, then, of these overtures, according to the time of composition, is now supposed to be "Leonore" No. 2, "Leonore" No. 3, "Leonore" No. 1, "Fidelio." It was said that "Leonore" No. 2 was rewritten because certain passages given to the wood-wind troubled the players. Others say it was too difficult for the strings and too long. In No. 2, as well as in No. 3, the chief dramatic stroke is the trumpet signal, which announces the arrival of the Minister of Justice, confounds Pizarro, and saves Florestan and Leonore.

The "Fidelio" overture is the one generally played before performances of the opera in Germany, although Weingartner has tried earnestly to restore "Leonore" No. 2 to that position. "Leonore" No. 3 is sometimes played between the acts of the opera.

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The objection to this is that the trumpet episode of the prison will then discount the dramatic ending of the overture when it comes in the following act, nor does the joyous ending of the overture prepare the hearer for the lugubrious scene with Florestan soliloquy. Bülow therefore performed the overture at the end of the opera. Zumpe did likewise in Munich. They argued with Wagner that this overture is the quintessence of the opera, "the complete and definite synthesis of the drama that Beethoven had dreamed of writing." There has been a tradition that the overture should be played between the scenes of the second act. This was done at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, in 1851, when Sophie Cruvelli took the part of Leonore, and Ferdinand Hiller conducted. When "Fidelio" was performed at the Théâtre Italien, Paris, in 1852 and 1869, the overture was played before the last scene. This scene was then counted a third act. Mottl and Mahler accepted this tradition. The objection has been made to this that after the peroration, the little orchestral introduction to the second scene sounds rather thin. To meet this objection, a pause was made for several minutes after the overture.

The key of the "Leonore" Overture No. 3 is C major. A short fortissimo is struck. It is diminished by wood-wind and horns, then taken up, piano, by the strings. From this G there is a descent down the scale of C major to a mysterious F-sharp. The key of B minor is reached, finally A-flat major, when the opening measures of Florestan's air, "In des Lebens Frühlingstagen" (act ii. of the

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opera), is played. The theme of the Allegro, C major, begins pianissimo, first violins and violoncellos, and waxes impetuously. The second theme has been described as "woven out of sobs and pitying sighs." The working-out consists in alternating a pathetic figure, taken from the second theme and played by the wood-wind over a nervous string accompaniment, with furious outbursts from the whole orchestra. Then comes the trumpet-call off stage. The twice-repeated call is answered in each instance by the short song of thanksgiving from the same scene. Leonore's words are: "Ach! du bist gerettet! Grosser Gott!" A gradual transition leads from this to the return of the first theme at the beginning of the third part (flute solo). The third part is developed in general as the first part and leads to a wildly jubilant coda.

The overture "Leonore" No. 3 was first played in Boston at a concert of the Musical Fund Society on December 7, 1850. G. J. Webb was the conductor. The score and the parts were borrowed; for the programme of a concert by the Society on January 24, 1852, states that the Overture was then "presented by C. C. Perkins, Esq."

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This concerto was probably composed for the most part, and it was surely completed, in 1806, although Schindler, on advice from Ries, named 1804 as the year, and an edition of the concerto published by Breitkopf & Härtel states that the year 1805 saw the completion.

The concerto was performed by Beethoven in one of two private subscription concerts of his works given in the dwelling-house of Prince Lobkowitz, Vienna, in March 1807. The first public performance was in the Theatre an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. All the pieces were by Beethoven: the symphony described on the programme as "A symphony entitled 'Recollections of Life in the Country,' in F major, No. 5" (*sic*); an Aria, "Ah, perfido," sung by Josephine Kilitzky*; Hymn with Latin text written in

*Josephine Kilitzky, born in 1790, was persuaded to sing after Anna Pauline Milder refused, in obedience to her betrothed, one Hauptmann, a jeweller, who grew angry when Beethoven called him "a stupid ass." Antonia Campi's husband was vexed because she had not been asked first, and he would not allow her to sing, though she had a beautiful voice in spite of the fact that she had seventeen children, among them four pairs of twins and a set of triplets. Josephine was badly frightened when Beethoven led her out, and could not sing a note. Röckel says a cordial was given to her behind the scenes: it was too strong, and the aria suffered in consequence. Reichardt describes her as a beautiful Bohemian with a beautiful voice. "That the beautiful child trembled more than sang was to be laid to the terrible cold; for we shivered in the boxes, although wrapped in furs and cloaks." She was later celebrated for her "dramatic colorature." Her voice was at first of only two octaves, said Ledebur, but all her tones were pure and beautiful, and later she gained upper tones. She sang from 1813 to 1831 at Berlin, and pleased in many parts, from *Fidelio* to *Arsaces*, from *Donna Elvira* to *Fatime* in "Abu Hassan." She died, very old, in Berlin.

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When A. W. Thayer published his catalogue on Beethoven's compositions (1865), Carl Haslinger, music publisher and composer, was in possession of autograph cadenzas written by Beethoven for this concerto. Two were for the first movement. Over one of them, which had very difficult double trills towards the end, Beethoven had written "Cadenza (ma senza cadere)." There was a cadenza for the Rondo. Haslinger died late in 1868; his publishing business passed through purchase into the house of Schlesinger (Rob. Lienau), of Berlin. Franz Kullak, the editor of the five concertos in the Steingraber edition, published the three cadenzas in an appendix to the Fourth Concerto, and said in a footnote that these cadenzas, which are undoubtedly Beethoven's, were not published during the life of the composer, and that the autograph manuscripts were in possession of the firm of Breitkopf & Härtel, who were the first to publish them.

The score was dedicated "humbly" by Beethoven to "His Imperial Highness, the Archduke Rudolph of Austria."

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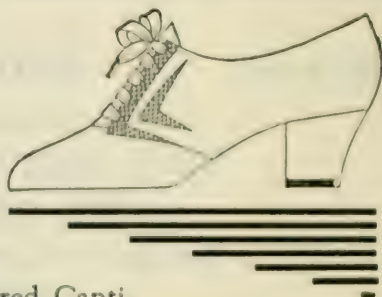
two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, and strings.

I. *Allegro moderato*, G major, 4-4. The first movement, contrary to the tradition that prevailed at the time, begins with the pianoforte alone. The pianoforte announces the first four measures of the first theme, five measures if an introductory chord be counted. (These measures are to be found in a sketch-book of Beethoven which is dated 1803, but in this book they end in the tonic, and not in the dominant.) The orchestra then enters in B major, but soon returns to G major, and develops the theme, until after a short climax with a modulation a second theme appears, which is given to the first violins. There is a third theme fortissimo in G major, with a supplement for the wood-wind instruments, and still another new theme, an expressive melody in B-flat major.

II. *Andante con moto*, E minor, 2-4. This movement is free in form. Beethoven put a footnote in the full score to this effect: "During the whole *Andante*, the pianist must use the soft pedal (*una corda*) unintermittently; the sign 'Ped' refers to the occasional use of the ordinary pedal." This footnote is contradicted at one point in the score by the marking "*tre corde*" for five measures near the end of the movement. A stern and powerful recitative for strings alternates with gentle and melodic passages for the pianoforte. "The strings of the orchestra keep repeating a forbidding figure of strongly marked rhythm in staccato octaves; this figure continues at intervals in stern, unchanging forte through about half the movement and then gradually dies away. In the intervals of this harsh theme the pianoforte as it were improvises little scraps of the tenderest, sweetest harmony and melody, rising for a moment into the wildest frenzied exultation after its enemy, the orchestra, has been silenced by its soft pleading, then falling back into hushed sadness as the orchestra comes in once more with a whispered recollection of its once so cruel phrase; saying as plainly as an orchestra can say it, 'The rest is silence!'" (*William Foster Apthorp*).

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acter, is announced immediately by the strings. The pianoforte follows with a variation. A short but more melodic phrase for the strings is also taken up by the pianoforte. A third theme, of a bolder character, is announced by the orchestra. The fourth theme is given to the pianoforte. The Rondo, "of a reckless, devil-may-care spirit in its jollity," is based on this thematic material. At the end the tempo becomes presto.

The first performance of the Fourth Concerto in Boston was probably by Robert Heller* at a Germania concert, February 4,

*Robert Palmer, known as Robert Heller, was born at Canterbury, England, in 1833. He studied music, and at the age of fourteen won a scholarship in the Royal Academy of Music, London. Fascinated by the performances of Robert Houdin, he dropped music to become a magician, and he came to the United States in September, 1852. Some say that he made his first appearance in New York at the Chinese Gardens as a Frenchman; others, that his first appearance was at the Museum, Albany, N.Y. He met with no success, and he then went to Washington, D.C., where he taught the piano and served as a church organist. He married one of his pupils, Miss Kieckhoffer, the daughter of a rich banker, and at once went back to magic. In New York he opened Heller's Hall, and was eminently successful. He then went to

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1854. He played Beethoven's Fifth Concerto at a Germania concert, March 4 of that year.

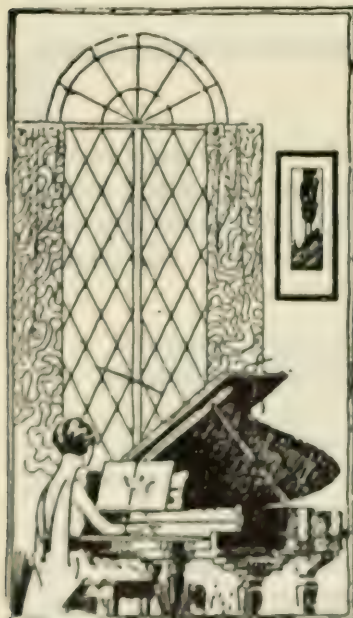
The Fourth Concerto has been played in Boston at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra by George W. Sumner (December 17, 1881), Carl Baermann (January 27, 1883, December 23, 1893), Mary E. Garlichs (November 29, 1884), Anna Clark-Steiniger (November 14, 1885), Rafael Joseffy (December 18, 1886), Ferruccio B. Busoni (November 14, 1891), Ernst von Dohnanyi (March 17, 1900), Otto Neitzel (December 22, 1906), Leopold Godowsky (December 14, 1912), Harold Bauer (November 28, 1914), Winifred Christie (April 27, 1917), Arthur Rubinstein (April 1, 1921); Artur Schnabel, March 30, 1923; Edouard Risler (February 22, 1924).

SYMPHONY NO. 2, IN D MAJOR, OP. 73 . . . JOHANNES BRAHMS

(Born at Hamburg, May 7, 1833; died at Vienna, April 3, 1897)

Chamber music, choral works, pianoforte pieces, and songs had made Brahms famous before he allowed his first symphony to be played. The symphony in C minor was performed for the first time at Carlsruhe on November 4, 1876, from manuscript with Dessoff as conductor. Kirchner wrote in a letter to Marie Lipsius that he had talked about this symphony in 1863 or 1864 with Mme. Clara Schumann, who then showed him fragments of it. No one knew, it is said, of the existence of a second symphony before it was completed.

London, opened Poole's Theatre; but came back to New York in 1875. He had given exhibitions of his skill in Australia and India. He died at Philadelphia, November 28, 1878. His name stands very high in the list of magicians. His tricks of "second sight" for a long time perplexed the most skilful of his colleagues. And he was one of the first to use electricity as a confederate. In his will he instructed his executors to destroy all his apparatus. For a long and interesting explanation of his "second sight" tricks, see "Magic," by A. A. Hopkins (Minn. & Co., New York, 1897).



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The second symphony, D major, was composed, probably at Pörtschach-am-See, in the summer of 1877, the year that saw the publication of the first. Brahms wrote Dr. Billroth in September of that year: "I do not know whether I have a pretty symphony; I must inquire of skilled persons." He referred to Clara Schumann, Dessoff, and Ernst Frank. On September 19, Mme. Schumann wrote that he had written out the first movement. Early in October he played it to her, also a portion of the finale. The symphony was played by Brahms and Ignaz Brüll as a pianoforte duet (arranged by the composer) to invited guests at the pianoforte house of his friend Ehrbar in Vienna a few days before the announced date of the orchestral performance, December 11, 1877. Through force of circumstances the symphony was played for the first time in

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public at the succeeding Philharmonic concert of December 30.* Hans Richter conducted. The second performance, conducted by Brahms, was at the Gewandhaus, Leipsic, on January 10, 1878.

The review written by Eduard Hanslick after the performance at Vienna may reassure those who are unwilling to trust their own judgment:

"It is well known that Wagner and his followers go so far as not only to deny the possibility of anything new in the symphonic form, —i.e., new after Beethoven,—but they reject the very right of absolute instrumental music to exist. The symphony, they saw, is now superfluous since Wagner has transplanted it into the opera: only Liszt's symphonic poems in one movement and with a determined practical programme have, in the contemplation of the modern musical world, any vitality. Now if such absurd theories, which are framed solely for Wagner-Liszt household use, again need refutation, there can be no more complete and brilliant refutation than the long row of Brahms's instrumental works, and especially this second symphony.

"The character of this symphony may be described concisely as peaceful, tender, but not effeminate; serenity, which on the one side is quickened to joyous humor and on the other is deepened to meditative seriousness. The first movement begins immediately with a mellow and dusky horn theme. It has something of the character of the serenade, and this impression is strengthened still further in the scherzo and the finale. The first movement, an Allegro moderato, in 3-4, immerses us in a clear wave of melody, upon which we rest, swayed, refreshed, undisturbed by two slight Mendelssohnian reminiscences which emerge before us. The last fifty measures of this movement expire in flashes of new melodic beauty. A broad singing Adagio in B major follows, which, as it appears to me, is more conspicuous for the skilful development of

*Reimann, in his *Life of Brahms*, gives January 10, 1878, as the date, and says Brahms conducted. The date given in Erb's "*Brahms*" is December 24, 1877. Kalbeck, Deiters, and Miss May give December 30, 1877, although contemporaneous journals, as the *Signale*, say December 20, 1877.

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“The second symphony, which was played at a Popular Concert in Paris, November 21, 1880, and at the Paris Conservatory Concert of December 19 of the same year, does not in any way deserve the reproach made against it by Victorin Joncières,—that it is full of brushwood. Nor should it incur the reproach made by Arthur Pougin,—that it is childish! It is true that the first movement contains some dissonances which, after a first hearing, are piquant and not at all disagreeable. The peroration, the last fifty measures of this Allegro, is of a pathetic serenity, which may be compared with that of the first movement of the two sextets for strings. The Adagio is built according to the plan of adagios in the last quartets of Beethoven—an idea, tinged with the deepest melancholy, is led about in varying tonalities and rhythms. The scherzo is one of the most delightful caprices imaginable. The first trio, with its biting staccati, and the second, with its rapid movement, are only the mother-idea of the scherzo, lightened and flung at full speed. Unity, which is unjustly denied Brahms, is still more strikingly observed in the finale, an admirable masterpiece.”

Certain German critics in their estimate of Brahms have exhausted themselves in comparison and metaphor. One claims that, as Beethoven's fourth symphony is to his “Eroica,” so is Brahms's second to his first: the one in C minor is epic, the one in D major is a fairy-tale. When Bülow wrote that Brahms was an heir of Cherubini, he referred to the delicate filigree work shown in the finale of the second. Felix Weingartner whose “Die Symphonie nach Beethoven” (Berlin, 1898)* is a pamphlet of singularly acute and discriminative criticism, coolly says that the second is far superior to the first: “The stream of invention has never flowed so fresh and spontaneous in other works by Brahms, and nowhere else has he colored his orchestration so successfully.” And after a

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eulogy of the movements he puts the symphony among the very best of the new classic school since the death of Beethoven,—“far above all the symphonies of Schumann.”

This symphony was first played in Boston at a concert of the Harvard Musical Association, January 9, 1879. It was then considered as perplexing and cryptic. John Sullivan Dwight probably voiced the prevailing opinion when he declared he could conceive of Sterndale Bennett writing a better symphony than the one by Brahms in D major.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, and strings.



The second symphony was naturally more warmly received at first in Vienna than was its predecessor. “It was of ‘a more attractive character,’ more ‘understandable,’ than its predecessor. It was to be preferred, too, inasmuch as the composer had not this time ‘entered the lists with Beethoven.’ The third movement was especially praised for its ‘original melody and rhythms.’ The work might be appropriately termed the ‘Vienna Symphony,’ reflecting as it did, ‘the fresh, healthy life to be found in beautiful Vienna.’” But Florence May, in her life of Brahms,* says the second symphony was not liked: “The audience maintained an attitude of polite cordiality throughout the performance of the symphony, courteously applauding between the movements and recalling the master at the end; but the enthusiasm of personal friends was not this time able to kindle any corresponding warmth in the bulk of the audience. or even to cover the general consciousness of the fact. The most favorable of the press notices damned the work with faint praise. and Dörfel, whom we quote here and elsewhere, because he alone

* “The Life of Johannes Brahms,” by Florence May, in two volumes, London, 1905.

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of the professional Leipsic critics of the seventies seems to have been imbued with a sense of Brahms's artistic greatness, showed himself quite angry from disappointment. 'The Viennese,' he wrote, 'are much more easily satisfied than we.' We make quite different demands on Brahms and require from him music which is something more than 'pretty' and 'very pretty' when he comes before us as a symphonist. Not that we do not wish to hear him in his complaisant moods, not that we disdain to accept from him pictures of real life, but we desire always to contemplate his genius, whether he displays it in a manner of his own or depends on that of Beethoven. We have not discovered genius in the new symphony, and should hardly have guessed it to be the work of Brahms had it been performed anonymously. We should have recognized the great mastery of form, the extremely skilful handling of the material, the conspicuous power of construction, in short, which it displays, but should not have described it as pre-eminently distinguished by inventive power. We should have pronounced the work to be one worthy of respect, but not counting for much in the domain of symphony. Perhaps we may be mistaken; if so, the error should be pardonable, arising as it does from the great expectations which our reverence for the composer induced us to form."



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Overture; Allegro; Air: Lento; Allegro moderato

Debussy "La Mer," Trois Esquisses Symphoniques
I. De l'Aube à midi sur la mer (From Dawn till Noon on the Ocean).
II. Jeux de Vagues (Play of the Waves).
III. Dialogue du Vent et de la Mer (Dialogue of Wind and Sea).

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*This was the little house, No. 25 Lower Brook Street (now Brook Street), in which Handel lived from 1725 until his death. Here he composed the "Messiah," "Saul," and other oratorios. "After his death his valet rented the house and made the most of Handel's long residence to secure lodgers." "Sydney Smith lived in this house in 1835" (George H. Cunningham's "London." Handel lived for three years in Old Burlington House, erected by the third Earl of Burlington, amateur architect and friend of Pope.) In the rate-book of 1725 Handel was named owner, and the house rated at £35 a year. Mr. W. H. Cummins, about 1903, visiting this house, found a cast-lead cistern, on the front of which in bold relief was "1721. G. F. H." The house had then been in possession of a family about seventy years, and various structural alterations had been made. A back room on the first floor was said to have been Handel's composition-room.

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The year 1739, in which these concertos were composed, was the year of the first performance of Handel's "Saul" (January 16) and "Israel in Egypt" (April 4),—both oratorios were composed in 1738,—also of the music to Dryden's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (November 22).

Romain Rolland, discussing the form *concerto grosso*, which consists essentially of a dialogue between a group of soloists, the *concertino* (trio of two solo violins and solo bass with cembalo*)

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(Born at Saint-Germain (Seine and Oise), France, August 22, 1862; died at Paris, March 26, 1918)

These orchestral pieces ("La Mer: De l'aube à midi sur la mer; II, Jeux de Vagues; III, Dialogue du vent et de la mer—trois esquisses symphoniques") were performed for the first time at a Lamoureux concert in Paris, October 15, 1905. The concert, the first of the season of 1905-06, was also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Concerts Lamoureux. Camille Chevillard conducted.

Debussy wrote in August, 1903, from Bichain to his publisher Jacques Durand that he was at work on "La Mer." "If God will be good to me, the work will be in a very advanced state on my return [to Paris]." He wrote later that the sketches would have these titles: "Mer belle aux Iles Sanguinaires"; "Jeux de Vagues"; "Le vent fait danser la mer"; and in September he said the work was intended for Chevillard. In September, 1904, he wrote from Dieppe, "I wanted to finish 'La Mer' here, but I must still work on the orchestration, which is as tumultuous and varied as the—sea (with all my excuses to the latter)." In January, 1905, he was not sure that the title, "De l'aube à midi sur la mer" would do: "So many contradictory things are dancing in my head, and this last attack of grippe has added its particular dance." He also wrote that he had remade the end of "Jeu de Vagues." He was disturbed because Chevillard spoke of the difficulties in the music, but if he gave the score to Colonne there might be a row. In July and September, 1905, he complained of "very curious corrections" made by some one in the proofs; and the idea of a performance at Chevillard's first concert seemed to him as bad as a performance at the last one of the season: "I am not so proud as to believe that 'La Mer' can be a check to Wagner and Mlle. Litvinne together." At rehearsal it was found that the proofs had been badly read.

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The Sketches, dedicated to Jacques Durand, were published at Paris in 1905. Debussy made an arrangement for two pianos; André Caplet made one in 1908 for three pianos.

The first performance in the United States was in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 2, 1907. "La Mer" was performed again that season by request on April 20, 1907. There were later performances on March 1, 1913, December 18, 1915, November 16, 1917, January 14, 1921, November 21, 1924, April 27, 1928.

"From Dawn till Noon on the Ocean" is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, a set of three kettledrums, cymbals, tam-tam, two harps, and strings.

"Frolics of Waves" is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, cymbals, triangle, a Glockenspiel (or celesta), two harps, and strings.

"Dialogue of Wind and Sea" is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, two cornets-à-pistons, three trombones, bass tuba, a set of three kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, tam-tam, Glockenspiel, two harps, and strings.



These sketches are impressionistic. The titles give the cue to the hearer. As M. Jean d'Udine said of these very compositions: "When art is concerned, grammatical analyses belong to the kingdom of technical study; they have a didactic character and interest only professionals. The public demands logical analyses from the critics. But how can anyone analyze logically creations that come from a dream, if not from a nightmare, and seem the fairy materialization of vague, acute sensations, which, experienced in feverish half-sleep, cannot be disentangled? By a miracle, as strange as it is seductive, M. Debussy possesses the dangerous privilege of being able to seize the most fantastical sports of light and of fluid whirlwinds. He is cater-cousin to the sorcerer, the prestidigitator; his art rests almost wholly on the association of musical ideas whose relations are clearly perceived only in a state of semiconsciousness, with the condition of not thinking about them. It is an exclusively sensual art, wholly like that of Berlioz, situated almost outside of time, floating in space with the disturbing absence of rhythm shown by the careless, intoxicated butterfly, an art that is astonishingly French, pictorial and literary to that degree of disembodiment where sound is only a cabalistic sign."

Whether one disputes or agrees to this characterization of Debussy's art—the comparison of it with the art of Berlioz is at least surprising if not inexplicable—M. d'Udine's statement that these sketches do not submit to analysis is unanswerable. To speak of fixed tonalities would be absurd, for there is incessant modulation. To describe Debussy's thematic material without the aid of illustrations in notation would be futile. To speak of form and development would be to offer a stumbling-block to those who can see nothing in the saying of Plotinus, as translated by Thomas Taylor: "But the simple beauty of color arises, when light, which is something in-

corporeal, in reason and form, entering the obscure involutions of matter, irradiates and forms its dark and formless nature. It is on this account that fire surpasses other bodies in beauty, because, compared with the other elements, it obtains the order of form; for it is more eminent than the rest, and is the most subtle of all, bordering as it were on an incorporeal nature."

"Debussy has not wished to confide himself indefinitely to the rambling of his senses: he became jealous of his instinct. In 'La Mer' one will discover an effort to substitute for sensuous spontaneity of developments, the management of the mind."—JACQUES RIVIÈRE.

Debussy was greatly pleased when "La Mer" was performed in Paris at a Franco-Italian concert conducted by Molinari in 1917: "I do not believe that the Parisians often have the opportunity of hearing a performance comparable to this; Molinari is a kind of sorcerer who has roused the orchestra from its apathy. As the instrumentalists have much talent, they played like angels. Are angels as good musicians as legends and the Primitives would have us believe?"

DEBUSSY AND THE SEA

Debussy loved and respected the ocean. In 1905 he wrote from Eastbourne: "The sea rolls with a wholly British correctness. There is a lawn combed and brushed on which little bits of important and imperialistic English frolic. But what a place to work! No noise, no pianos, except the delicious mechanical pianos, no musicians talking about painting, no painters discussing music. In short, a pretty place to cultivate egoism."

At Le Puy near Dieppe, August, 1906: "here I am again with my old friend the sea, always innumerable and beautiful. It is truly the one thing in nature that puts you in your place; only one does not sufficiently respect the sea. To wet in it bodies deformed by the

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daily life should not be allowed; truly these arms and legs which move in ridiculous rhythms—it is enough to make the fish weep. There should be only Sirens in the sea, and could you wish that these estimable persons would be willing to return to waters so badly frequented?”

Houlgate, 1911: “Here life and the sea continue—the first to contradict our native savagery, the second to accomplish its sonorous going and coming, which cradles the melancholy of those who are deceived by the beach.”

Pourville, August, 1915: “Trees are good friends, better than the ocean, which is in motion, wishing to trespass on the land, bite the rocks, with the anger of a little girl—singular for a person of its importance. One would understand it if it sent the vessels about their business as disturbing vermin.”

SYMPHONY No. 5, C MINOR, OP. 67 . . . LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

Beethoven sketched motives of the allegro, andante, and scherzo of this symphony as early as 1800 and 1801. We know from sketches that while he was at work on “Fidelio” and the pianoforte concerto in G major,—1804–1806,—he was also busied with this symphony, which he put aside to compose the fourth symphony, in B-flat.

The symphony in C minor was finished in the neighborhood of Heiligenstadt in 1807. Dedicated to the Prince von Lobkowitz and the Count Rasumovsky, it was published in April, 1809.

It was first performed at the Theater an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. All the pieces were by Beethoven; the symphony described on the programme as “A symphony entitled ‘Recollections of Life in the Country,’ in F major, No. 5” (*sic*); an Aria, “Ah, perfido,” sung by Josephine Kilitzky; Hymn with Latin text written in church style with chorus and solos; Pianoforte Concerto in G major, played by Beethoven; Grand Symphony in C minor, No. 6 (*sic*); Sanctus, with Latin text written in church style (from the Mass in C major), with chorus and solos; Fantasia for pianoforte solo; Fantasia for pianoforte “into which the full orchestra enters little by little, and at the end the chorus joins in the Finale.” Beethoven played the pianoforte part. The concert began at half-past six. We know nothing about the pecuniary result.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, strings; and in the last movement piccolo, double-bassoon, and three trombones are added.

Instead of inquiring curiously into the legend invented by Schindler,—“and for this reason a statement to be doubted,” as Bülow said,—that Beethoven remarked of the first theme, “So knocks Fate on the door!”;* instead of investigating the statement that the rhythm of this theme was suggested by the note of a bird,—oriole or goldfinch,—heard during a walk; instead of a long analysis, which is vexation and confusion without the themes and their

*It is said that Ferdinand Ries was the author of this explanation, and that Beethoven was grimly sarcastic when Ries, his pupil, made it known to him.

variants in notation,—let us read and ponder the words of the great Hector Berlioz:

“The most celebrated of them all, beyond doubt and peradventure, is also the first, I think, in which Beethoven gave the reins to his vast imagination, without taking for guide or aid a foreign thought. In the first, second, and fourth, he more or less enlarged forms already known, and poetized them with all the brilliant and passionate inspirations of his vigorous youth. In the third, the ‘Eroica,’ there is a tendency, it is true, to enlarge the form, and the thought is raised to a mighty height; but it is impossible to ignore the influence of one of the divine poets to whom for a long time the great artist had raised a temple in his heart. Beethoven, faithful to the Horatian precept, ‘*Nocturna versate manu, versate diurna,*’ read Homer constantly, and in his magnificent musical epopee, which, they say, I know not whether it be true or false, was inspired by a modern hero, the recollections of the ancient Iliad play a part that is as evident as admirably beautiful.

“The symphony in C minor, on the other hand, seems to us to come directly and solely from the genius of Beethoven; he develops in it his own intimate thought; his secret sorrows, his concentrated rage, his reveries charged with a dejection, oh, so sad, his visions at night; his bursts of enthusiasm—these furnish him the subject; and the forms of melody, harmony, rhythm, and orchestration are displayed as essentially individual and new as they are powerful and noble.

“The first movement is devoted to the painting of disordered sentiments which overthrow a great soul, a prey to despair: not the concentrated, calm despair that borrows the shape of resignation: not the dark and voiceless sorrow of Romeo who learns the death of Juliet; but the terrible rage of Othello when he receives from Iago’s mouth the poisonous slanders which persuade him of Desdemona’s guilt. Now it is a frenetic delirium which explodes in frightful cries; and now it is the prostration that has only accents of regret and profound self-pity. Hear these hiccups of the orchestra, these dialogues in chords between wind instruments and strings, which come and go, always weaker and fainter, like unto the painful breathing of a dying man, and then give way to a phrase full of violence, in which the orchestra seems to rise to its feet, revived by a flash of fury: see this shuddering mass hesitate a moment and

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then rush headlong, divided in two burning unisons as two streams of lava; and then say if this passionate style is not beyond and above everything that had been produced hitherto in instrumental music. . . .

"The adagio"*—*andante con moto*—"has characteristics in common with the allegretto in A minor of the seventh symphony and the slow movement of the fourth. It partakes alike of the melancholy soberness of the former and the touching grace of the latter. The theme, at first announced by the united violoncellos and violas, with a simple accompaniment of the double-basses pizzicato, is followed by a phrase for wind instruments, which return constantly, and in the same tonality throughout the movement, whatever be the successive changes of the first theme. This persistence of the same phrase, represented always in a profoundly sad simplicity, produces little by little on the hearer's soul an indescribable impression. . . .

"The Scherzo is a strange composition. Its first measures, which are not terrible themselves, provoke that inexplicable emotion which you feel when the magnetic gaze of certain persons is fastened on you. Here everything is sombre, mysterious: the orchestration, more or less sinister, springs apparently from the state of mind that created the famous scene of the Blocksberg in Goethe's 'Faust.' Nuances of piano and mezzoforte dominate. The trio is a double-bass figure, executed with the full force of the bow; its savage roughness shakes the orchestral stands, and reminds one of the gambols of a frolicsome elephant. But the monster retires, and little by little the noise of his mad course dies away. The theme of the scherzo reappears in pizzicato. Silence is almost established, for you hear only some violin tones lightly plucked and strange little cluckings of bassoons. . . . At last the strings give gently with the bow the chord of A-flat and doze on it. Only the drums preserve the rhythm; light blows struck by sponge-headed drumsticks mark the dull rhythm amid the general stagnation of the orchestra. These drum-notes are C's; the tonality of the movement is C minor; but the chord of A-flat sustained for a long time by the other instruments seems to introduce a different tonality, while the isolated hammering the C on the drums tends to preserve the feeling of the foundation tonality. The ear hesitates,—but will this mystery of harmony end?—and now the dull pulsations of the drums, growing louder and louder, reach with the violins, which now take part in the movement and with a change of harmony, to the chord of the dominant seventh, G, B, D, F, while the drums roll obstinately their tonic C: the whole orchestra, assisted by the trombones which have not yet been heard, bursts in the major into the theme of a triumphal march, and the Finale begins. . . .

"Criticism has tried, however, to diminish the composer's glory by stating that he employed ordinary means, the brilliance of the major mode pompously following the darkness of a pianissimo in minor; that the triumphal march is without originality, and that the interest wanes even to the end, whereas it should increase. I reply to this: Did it require less genius to create a work like this because the passage from piano to forte and that from minor to

*Indifference of Berlioz to exact terminology is not infrequently shown in his essays.—Ed.

major were the means already understood? Many composers have wished to take advantage of the same means; and what result did they obtain comparable to this gigantic chant of victory in which the soul of the poet-musician, henceforth free from earthly shackles, terrestrial sufferings, seems to mount radiantly towards heaven? The first four measures of the theme, it is true, are not highly original; but the forms of a fanfare are inherently restricted, and I do not think it possible to find new forms without departing utterly from the simple, grand, pompous character which is becoming. Beethoven wished only an entrance of the fanfare for the beginning of his finale, and he quickly found in the rest of the movement and even in the conclusion of the chief theme that loftiness and originality of style which never forsook him. And this may be said in answer to the reproach of not having increased the interest to the very end; music, in the state known at least to us, would not know how to produce a more violent effect than that of this transition from scherzo to triumphal march; it was then impossible to enlarge the effect afterwards.

"To sustain one's self at such a height is of itself a prodigious effort; yet in spite of the breadth of the developments to which he committed himself, Beethoven was able to do it. But this equality from the beginning to end is enough to make the charge of diminished interest plausible, on account of the terrible shock which the ears receive at the beginning; a shock that, by exciting nervous emotion to its most violent paroxysm, makes the succeeding instant the more difficult. In a long row of columns of equal height, an optical illusion makes the most remote appear the smallest. Perhaps our weak organization would accommodate itself to a more laconic peroration, as that of Gluck's 'Notre général vous rappelle.' Then the audience would not have to grow cold, and the symphony would end before weariness had made impossible further following in the steps of the composer. This remark bears only on the *mise en scène* of the work; it does not do away with the fact that this finale in itself is rich and magnificent; very few movements can draw near without being crushed by it."

This symphony was performed in Boston at an Academy concert as early as November 27, 1841.

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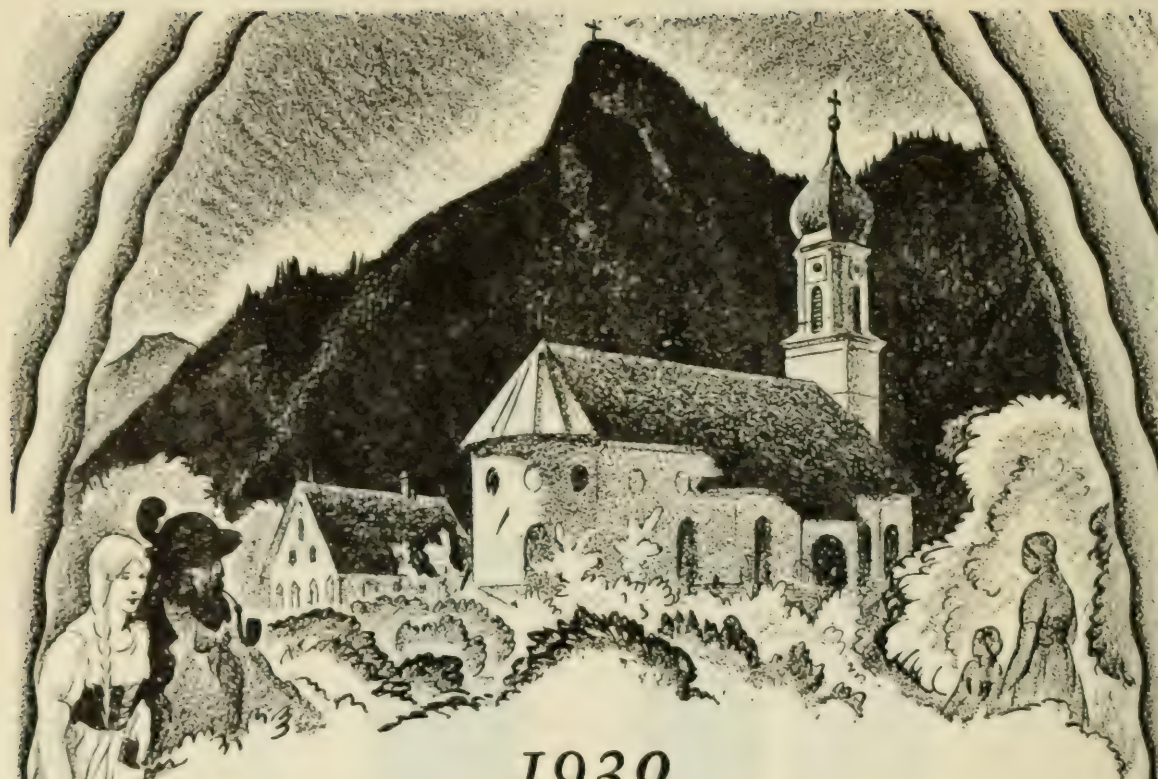
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This overture was composed in 1810; it was published in 1811. The music to Goethe's play—overture, four entr'actes, two songs sung by Clärchen, "Clärchen's Death," "Melodrama," and "Triumph Symphony" (identical with the coda of the overture) for the end of the play, nine numbers in all—was performed for the first time with the tragedy at the Hofburg Theater, Vienna, May 24, 1810. Antonie Adamberger was the Clärchen.

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The overture has a short, slow introduction, sostenuto ma non troppo, F minor, 3-2. The main body of the overture is an allegro, F minor, 3-4. The first theme is in the strings; each phrase is a descending arpeggio in the violoncellos, closing with a sigh in the first

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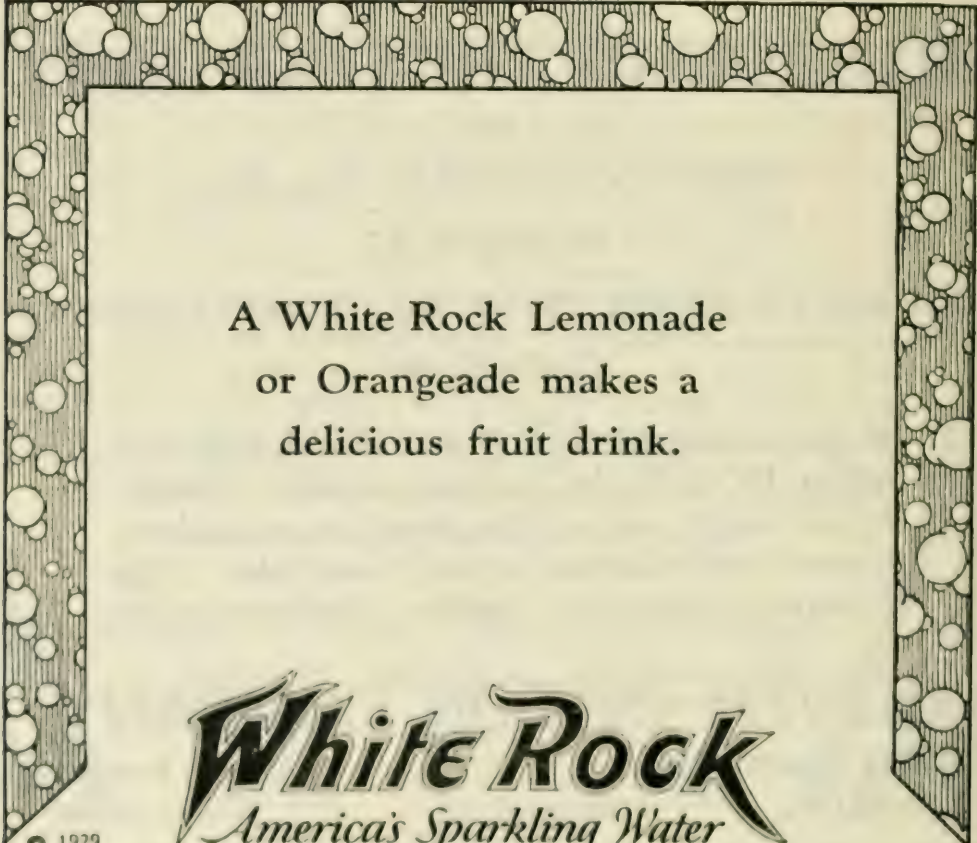
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violins; the antithesis begins with a "sort of sigh" in the wood-wind, then in the strings, then there is a development into passage-work. The second theme has for its thesis a version of the first two measures of the sarabande theme of the introduction, fortissimo (strings), in A-flat major, and the antithesis is a triplet in the wood-wind. The coda Allegro con brio, F major, 4-4, begins pianissimo. The full orchestra at last has a brilliant fanfare figure, which ends in a shouting climax, with a famous shrillness of the piccolo against fanfares of bassoons and brass and between crashes of the full orchestra.

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What Beethoven thought of Goethe is well known. In 1809 he wrote to Breitkopf and Härtel: "Goethe and Schiller are my favorite poets, as also Ossian and Homer, the latter of whom, unfortunately, I can read only in translation." In 1811 he wrote to Bettina von Brentano: "When you write to Goethe about me, select all words which will express to him my inmost reverence and admiration. I am just on the point of writing to him about 'Egmont,' to which I have written the music, and indeed purely out of love for his poems which cause me happiness. Who can be sufficiently thankful for a great poet, the richest jewel of a nation? And now, no more, dear



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good B. I came back from a bacchanalian festival only at four o'clock this morning, at which, indeed, I was forced to laugh a great deal, with the result that I have to weep almost as much to-day. Noisy joy often drives me powerfully back into myself." This letter was dated February 10. On April 12 (1811) he wrote to Goethe:—

"Your Excellence:

"The pressing opportunity of a friend of mine, one of your great admirers (as I also am), who is leaving here" (Vienna) "in a great hurry, gives me only a moment to offer my thanks for the long time I have known you (for I know you from the days of my childhood)—that is very little for so much. Bettina Brentano has assured me that you would receive me in a kindly, yes, indeed, friendly spirit. But how could I think of such a reception, seeing that I am only in a position to approach you with the deepest reverence, with an inexpressibly deep feeling for your noble creations. You will shortly receive from Leipsic through Breitkopf and Härtel the music to 'Egmont,' this glorious 'Egmont,' with which I, with the same warmth with which I read it, was again through you impressed by it, and set it to music. I should much like to know your opinion of it; even blame will be profitable for me and for my art, and will be as willingly received as the greatest praise.

"Your Excellency's great admirer,

"LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN."

Goethe answered this letter at Carlsbad on June 25, 1811:—

"Your friendly letter, highly esteemed sir, I received to my great pleasure through Herr von Oliva. I am most thankful to you for the opinions expressed therein, and I assure you that I can honestly reciprocate them, for I have never heard one of your great works performed by skilful artists and amateurs without wishing that I could for once admire you at the pianoforte, and take delight in your extraordinary talent. The good Bettina Brentano really deserves the sympathy you have shown her. She speaks of you with rapture and the liveliest affection, and counts the hours she spent with you as the happiest of her life. The 'Egmont' music I shall probably find when I return home, and I thank you in advance—for I have already heard it spoken of in high terms by several persons, and I think I shall be able to give it this winter at our theatre, accompanied by the music in question; by this means I hope to prepare great enjoyment both for myself and for your numerous admirers in our parts. What, however, I most wish, is to have properly understood Herr Oliva, who held out the hope that in the course of a journey you propose to take that you might visit Weimar. May it take place when the court and the whole music-loving public is here. You would certainly meet with a reception in keeping with your merits and sentiments. But no one would take greater interest in it than I myself. I wish you farewell, beg you to keep me in kind remembrance, and offer you hearty thanks for the pleasure which through you I have often received."

As we have seen, Goethe had much to say about his "Egmont" to Eckermann, but in the record of the conversations there is no allusion to Beethoven's music for the play.

In 1822, Beethoven, remembering his talk with Goethe at Teplitz, where he met him for the first time in 1812, said to Rochlitz: "I would have gone to death, yes ten times to death, for Goethe. Then, when I was in the height of my enthusiasm, I thought out my 'Egmont' music. Goethe—he lives and wants us all to live with him. It is for that reason that he can be composed. Nobody is so easily composed as he. But I do not like to compose songs." But the "Egmont" music had been composed and performed before the composer ever met the poet. Schindler said that Beethoven's recollection of past events was always vague.

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Bettina wrote Pückler-Muskau an account of Goethe and Beethoven together at Teplitz, and spoke of the composer playing to the poet and deeply moving him. Albert Schaefer states calmly that Beethoven played the "Egmont" music to Goethe at Vienna, and that the latter did not value it, had no suspicion of its worth,—a statement for which we find no authority. This is certain, that in 1812 Beethoven said to Härtel: "Goethe is too fond of the atmosphere of the court; fonder than becomes a poet. There is little room for sport over the absurdities of the virtuosi, when poets, who ought to be looked upon as the foremost teachers of the nation, can forget everything else in the enjoyment of court glitter." It is also certain that Goethe cared little for Beethoven's music, that he did not mention his name in his memoirs; but in a letter to Zelter he wrote in 1812: "I made the acquaintance of Beethoven at Teplitz. His talent astonished me prodigiously, but he is, unfortunately, a wholly untamed person. It is true that he is not utterly wrong when he finds the world detestable, but this will not make it more enjoyable for himself or for others. Yet he is to be excused and much pitied, for he has lost his hearing, which perhaps is of less injury to his art than to his social relations. Already laconic by nature, he will be doubly so by reason of this infirmity."

When Mendelssohn visited Weimar in 1830, he endeavored to make Goethe appreciate Beethoven's music. Mendelssohn played to him music by Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Weber. The poet enjoyed especially an overture by Bach. "How pompous and stately it is!" exclaimed Goethe: "I imagine a procession of noble persons in festal dress, going down the steps of a grand staircase!" But Mendelssohn recognized Goethe's antipathy towards Beethoven's music. He played to him the first movement of the Symphony in C minor. It made a singular impression on Goethe, who began by saying: "This music produces only astonishment; it does not move one at all; it is grandiose." He muttered some words, and after a long silence said: "It is very great and indeed astonishing; one is tempted to say that the house is about to crumble into pieces; but what would happen if all men together should set themselves to playing it?"

Goethe, who likened music to architecture, drew a singular parallel between Napoleon Bonaparte and Hummel. "Napoleon treats the world as Hummel his pianoforte. In each instance the manner of treatment seems impossible; we understand the one as little as the other, and yet no one can deny the effects. The grandeur of Napoleon consists in being the same at any hour. . . . He was always in his element, always equal to the emergency, just as Hummel is never embarrassed, whether he has to play an adagio or an allegro. This facility is found wherever real talent exists, in the arts of peace as in those of war, at the pianoforte as behind a battery."

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In the summer of 1909 Diaghilev asked Stravinsky to write a ballet founded on the old Russian legend of the Fire-Bird. The score was ready in May, 1910. The scenario was the work of Fokine.

The first performance of the "Oiseau de Feu" a "Conte dansé" in two scenes, was at the Paris Opéra on June 25, 1910. The Fire-Bird, Tamara Karsavina; The Beautiful Tsarevna, Mme. Fokina; Ivan Tsarevitch, Fokine; Katscheï, Boulgakov. Gabriel Pierné conducted. The stage settings were by Golovine and Bakst. Balakirev had sketched an opera in which the Fire-Bird was the central figure, but nothing came of it. Katscheï (or Kotscheï) is the hero of Rimsky-Korsakov's opera "Katscheï the Immortal: an Autumn Legend," produced at the Private Opera, Moscow, in 1902. He also figures as "the man-skeleton" in Rimsky-Korsakov's "Mlada,"* a fairy opera-ballet (Leningrad, 1893) and, by implication, in Mousorgsky's symphonic poem, "A Night on Bald Mountain."†

Mr. Montagu-Nathan says in his sketch of Stravinsky—"Contemporary Russian Composers": "In identifying the literary basis of 'The Fire-Bird' with that of Korsakov's 'Katscheï,' it should be pointed out that the latter work is but a *pastiche* of episodes derived from legendary lore, with the monster as a central figure. In Stravinsky's ballet, the ogre is an accessory character, so far as concerns the dramatic action, but his presence in the scheme is nevertheless vital to it."

Fokine's scenario may thus be described: After a short prelude,

*The third act "Night on the Mount Triglav," arranged for concert use, was played in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on December 23, 1921.

†This symphonic poem was produced in Boston by the Orchestral Club, Mr. Longy conductor, on January 4, 1905.

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the curtain rises and the grounds of an old castle are seen. Ivan Tsarevitch, the hero of many tales, in the course of hunting at night, comes to the enchanted garden and sees a beautiful bird with flaming golden plumage. She attempts to pluck fruit of gold from a silver tree. He captures her, but, heeding her entreaties, frees her. In gratitude, she gives him one of her feathers which has magic properties. The dawn breaks. Thirteen enchanted princesses appear, coming from the castle. Ivan, hidden, watches them playing with golden apples, and dancing. Fascinated by them, he finally discloses himself. They tell him that the castle belongs to the terrible Katscheï, who turns decoyed travellers into stone. The princesses warn Ivan of his fate, but he resolves to enter the castle. Opening the gate, he sees Katscheï with his train of grotesque and deformed subjects marching towards him in pompous procession. Katscheï attempts to work his spell on Ivan, who is protected by the feather. Ivan summons the Fire-Bird, who causes Katscheï and his retinue to dance until they drop exhausted. The secret of Katscheï's immortality is disclosed to Ivan: the sorcerer keeps an egg in a casket; if this egg should be broken or even injured, he would die. Ivan swings the egg backwards and forwards. Katscheï and his crew sway with it. At last the egg is dashed to the ground; Katscheï dies; his palace vanishes; the petrified knights come to life; and Ivan, amid great rejoicing, receives the hand of the most beautiful princess.

According to Ralston in his "Russian Folk-Tales," the Fire-Bird is known in its native haunts as the *Zhar-Ptitsa*. Its name, he says, indicates its close connection with flame or light. *Zhar* means "glowing heart," as of a furnace"; and *Zhar-Ptitsa* means, literally, "the Glow-Bird." "Its appearance corresponds with its designation. Its feathers blaze with golden or silvery sheen, its eyes shine like crystal, it dwells in a golden cage. In the depth of the night it flies into a garden and lights it up as brilliantly as could a thousand burning fires. A single feather from its tail illuminates a dark room. It feeds upon golden apples, which have the power of bestow-

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ing youth and beauty—or, according to a Croatian version, on magic grasses.”

Katscheï is one of the many incarnations of the dark spirit. “Sometimes he is described as altogether serpent-like in form; sometimes he seems to be of a mixed nature, partly human and partly ophidian, but in some stories he is apparently framed after the fashion of a man. . . . He is called ‘immortal’ or ‘deathless’ because of his superiority to the ordinary laws of existence. . . . Sometimes his ‘death’—that is, the object with which his life is indissolubly connected—does not exist within this body.”—Ralston’s “Russian Folk-Tales.”

The movements of the Suite are as follows:

I. Introduction. Enchanted Garden of Katscheï, and the dance of the Fire-Bird.

II. Entreaties of the Fire-Bird.

III. The Princesses Play with the Golden Apples.

III (a). Berceuse. This Lullaby is not in the Suite as first published.

IV. Dance (Ronde) of the Princesses.

V. Infernal Dance of Katscheï’s subjects.

No movement of the Suite depends for its musical effect on the stage setting or a dramatic situation.

The Suite is scored for piccolo, three flutes (one interchangeable with a second piccolo), three oboes, English horn, three clarinets in A (one interchangeable with a little clarinet in D), bass clarinet, three bassoons (one interchangeable with a second double-bassoon), double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, bells, tambourine, xylophone, celesta, pianoforte, three harps, sixteen first violins, sixteen second violins, fourteen violas, eight violoncellos, six double basses.

Mr. Montagu-Nathan says of this ballet music that the orchestra supplies the usual musical commentary upon the dramatic action, and on occasion takes upon itself a function which renders it something more than an accessory. “The music describes with an extraordinary wealth of suggestion the various weird figures of the drama, and is of a nature never allowing us to forget that it is fantasy and not life that we are witnessing. The flight of the Fire-Bird, its dance, and its vain resistance are rendered in music whose primary purpose is the description of movement and not descriptiveness itself, while the quarry’s pleading is brought to our ears through a veil of make-believe; her supplication is in accents that suggest the conventional posturing of the ballerina and not of a real bird ensnared. Throughout the ballet the music serves as a preparation, by means of the ear, for what the eye is to witness. Even the graceful nocturnal dance of the captive maidens has a note that suggests the dominion of their villainous jailer, and the episodic theme of their play with the apples is that which later heralds their liberation through the good graces of the Fire-Bird. Ere the delightful melody of the *Khorovode** has died away, we are aware that we shall soon have something less dainty to contemplate, and, with the approach of the monster and his awful satellites, it is clear that

*The lullaby that rocks the Tsarevna into “a sleep that will protect her from Katscheï.”

another musical picture is to be added to the gallery inaugurated by Glinka with his march of Chernomov in 'Russlan and Ludmilla.' ”*

The first performance of this ballet in the United States was by Serge Diaghilev's Ballet Russe Company at the Century Theatre, New York, January 17, 1916. The ballet was chosen for the opening of the season. The dancers were Mlle. Xenia Maclezova,† The Fire-Bird; Mme. Labow Tchernicheva, La Belle Tsarevna; L. Massine, Ivan Tsarevitch; Cecchetti, Katscheï. Ernest Ansermet conducted.

The same dancers were seen at the Boston Opera House in "The Fire-Bird" on January 31, 1916.

The Suite was performed in New York, by the New York Symphony Society on December 31, 1916; in Philadelphia, by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra on November 2, 1917; in Boston, by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 31, 1919 (Mr. Monteux conductor).

When the Suite was conducted in Boston by Mr. Koussevitzky (January 23, 24, 1925), the programme also comprised these pieces by Stravinsky: Song of the Volga Boatman (arranged for wind instruments and percussion); Suite from "Petrouchka"; and Concerto for piano and wind instruments with double basses (Mr. Stravinsky, pianist; first performance of the Concerto in America).

Stravinsky in 1919 rescored this Suite to make it more available for an orchestra of ordinary size: two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, xylophone, harp, piano, and strings.

He also rearranged and added from material in the original ballet. He retained from the first suite the Introduction, the "Dance of the Fire-Bird," the "Dance of the Princesses," and "Katscheï's Infernal Dance," but omitted "The Enchanted Garden," "The Sup-

* "Russlan and Ludmilla" was produced at Leningrad on November 27 (O. S.) 1842. The overture was played in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 3, 1894.

† She quarrelled in Boston with the management. She was replaced on February 2, 1916, by Lydia Lopokova.

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plications of the Fire-Bird," and "The Princesses Playing with the Golden Apples." He added two numbers from the ballet: the Berceuse and the Finale. The revised suite, published in 1920, was played in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Orchestra on October 17, 1924.

At the performance in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Koussevitzky, conductor, on December 10, 1926, the programme read:

a. Introduction; Katscheï's Enchanted Garden and Dance of the Fire-Bird; b. Supplication of the Fire-Bird; c. The Princesses Play with the Golden Apples; d. Dance of the Princesses; e. Infernal Dance of all the Subjects of Katscheï; f. Berceuse and Finale.

At the performance in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra led by Mr. Koussevitzky on March 23, 1928, the order was as follows: 1. Introduction: Katscheï's Enchanted Garden and Dance of the Fire-Bird. 2. Supplication of the Fire-Bird. 3. The Princesses Play With the Golden Apples. 3a. Berceuse. 4. Dance of the Princesses. 5. Infernal Dance of all the Subjects of Katscheï.

SYMPHONY No. 6, B MINOR, "PATHETIC," Op. 74

PETER ILICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(Born at Votkinsk in the government of Viatka, Russia, May 7, 1840; died at Leningrad, November 6, 1893)

Tchaikovsky on the voyage from New York to Hamburg in May, 1891, made sketches for a sixth symphony. He worked on this symphony in 1892, was dissatisfied with it, and destroyed it before he began to orchestrate it. His third pianoforte concerto, Op. 75, was based on the first movement of the rejected work. (This concerto was played after his death by Tanéïev in Leningrad.) Another work, posthumous, the Andante and Finale for pianoforte with orchestra, orchestrated by Tanéïev, and produced at Leningrad on February 20, 1896, was also based on the sketches for this Symphony.

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The first mention of the "Pathetic" Symphony is in a letter from Tchaikovsky to his brother Anatol, dated Klin, February 22, 1893: "I am now wholly occupied with the new work (a symphony) and it is hard for me to tear myself away from it. I believe it comes into being as the best of my works. I must finish it as soon as possible, for I have to wind up a lot of affairs and I must also soon go to London. I told you that I had completed a symphony which suddenly displeased me, and I tore it up. Now I have composed a new symphony *which I certainly shall not tear up.*" He was still eager for an inspiring opera libretto. He did not like one on the story of Undine, which had been suggested. He wrote to Modest: "For God's sake, find or invent a subject, *if possible not a fantastic one*, but something after the manner of 'Carmen' or of 'Cavalleria Rusticana.'"

Tchaikovsky went to London in May, and the next month he was

at Cambridge, to receive, on June 13, with Saint-Saëns, Grieg, Boïto, Bruch; the Doctor's degree *honoris causa*. Grieg, whom Tchaikovsky loved as man and composer, was sick and could not be present. "Outside of Saint-Saëns the sympathetic one to me is Boïto. Bruch—an unsympathetic, bumptious person." At the ceremonial concert, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" was played. General Roberts was also made a Doctor on this occasion, as were the Maharaja of Bhonnaggor and Lord Herschel.

At home again, Peter wrote to Modest early in August that he was up to his neck in his symphony. "The orchestration is the more difficult, the farther I go. Twenty years ago I let myself write at ease without much thought, and it was all right. Now I have become cowardly and uncertain. I have sat the whole day over two pages: that which I wished came constantly to naught. In spite of this, I make progress." He wrote to Davidov, August 15: "The symphony which I intended to dedicate to you—I shall reconsider this on account of your long silence—is progressing. I am very well satisfied with the contents, but not wholly with the orchestration. I do not succeed in my intentions. It will not surprise me in the least if the symphony is cursed or judged unfavorably; 'twill not be for the first time. I myself consider it the best, especially the most open-hearted of all my works. I love it as I *never* have loved any other of my musical creations. My life is without the charm of variety; evenings I am often bored; but I do not complain, for the symphony is now the main thing, and I cannot work anywhere so well as at home." He wrote Jurgenson, his publisher, on August 24 that he had finished the orchestration: "I give you my word of honor that never in my life have I been so contented, so proud, so happy, in the knowledge that I have written a good piece." It was at this time that he thought seriously of writing an opera with a text founded on "The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Mr. Barton," by George Eliot, of whose best works he was an enthusiastic admirer.

Early in October he wrote to the Grand Duke Constantine: "I have without exaggeration put my whole soul into this symphony, and I hope that your highness will like it. I do not know whether it will seem original in its material, but there is this peculiarity of form: the Finale is an Adagio, not an Allegro, as is the custom."

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Later he explained to the Grand Duke why he did not wish to write a Requiem. He said in substance that the text contained too much about God as a revengeful judge; he did not believe in such a deity; nor could such a deity awaken in him the necessary inspiration: "I should feel the greatest enthusiasm in putting music to certain parts of the gospels, if it were only possible. How often, for instance, have I been enthusiastic over a musical illustration of Christ's words: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden'; also, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light'! What boundless love and compassion for mankind are in these words!"

Tchaikovsky left Klin forever on October 19. He stopped at Moscow to attend a funeral, and there with Kashkin he talked freely after supper. Friends had died; who would be the next to go? "I told Peter," said Kashkin, "that he would outlive us all. He disputed the likelihood, yet added that never had he felt so well and happy." Peter told him that he had no doubt about the first three movements of his new symphony, but that the last was still doubtful in his mind; after the performance he might destroy it and write another finale. He arrived at Leningrad in good spirits, but he was depressed because the symphony made no impression on the orchestra at the rehearsals. He valued highly the opinion of players, and he conducted well only when he knew that the orchestra liked the work. He was dependent on them for the finesse of interpretation. "A cool facial expression, an indifferent glance, a yawn,—these tied his hands; he lost his readiness of mind, he went over the work carelessly, and cut short the rehearsal, that the players might be freed from their boresome work." Yet he insisted that he never had written and never would write a better composition than this symphony.

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What was the programme in Tchaikovsky's mind? Kashkin says that, if the composer had disclosed it to the public, the world would not have regarded the symphony as a kind of legacy from one filled with a presentiment of his own approaching end; that it seems more reasonable "to interpret the overwhelming energy of the third movement and the abysmal sorrow of the Finale in the broader light of a national or historical significance rather than to narrow them to the expression of an individual experience. If the last movement is intended to be predictive, it is surely of things vaster and issues more fatal than are contained in a mere personal apprehension of death. It speaks rather of a *lamentation large et souffrance inconnue*," and seems to set the seal of finality on all human hopes. Even if we eliminate the purely subjective interest, this autumnal inspiration of Tchaikovsky, in which we hear 'the ground whirl of the perished leaves of hope, still remains the most profoundly stirring of his works.' . . ."

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The symphony is scored for three flutes (the third is interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, a set of three kettledrums, tamtam, and strings.

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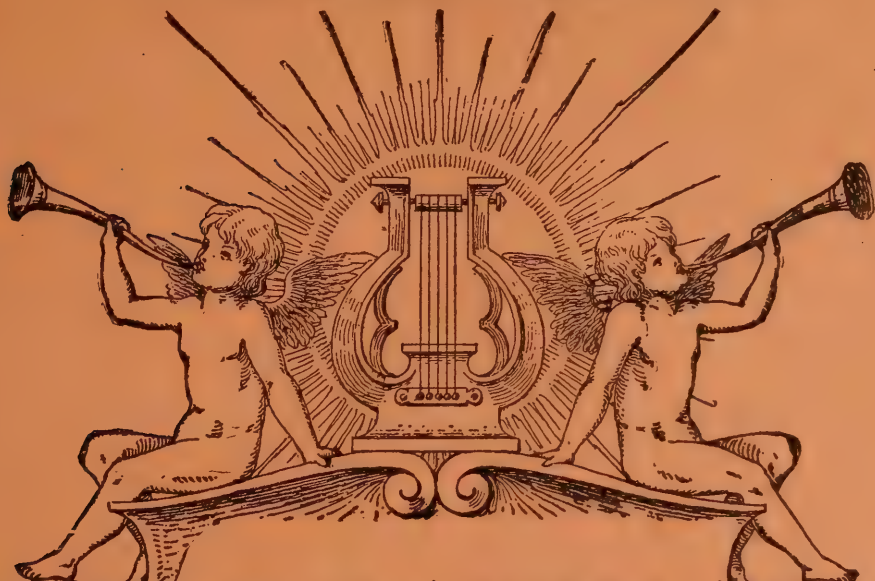
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I. Allegro moderato.

II. Allegro.

Schumann Symphony No. 2 in C major, Op. 61

I. Sostenuto assai; Allegro ma non troppo.

II. Scherzo; Allegro vivace: Trio (1), Trio (2).

III. Adagio espressivo.

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(Laideronnette, Empress of the Pagodas.)

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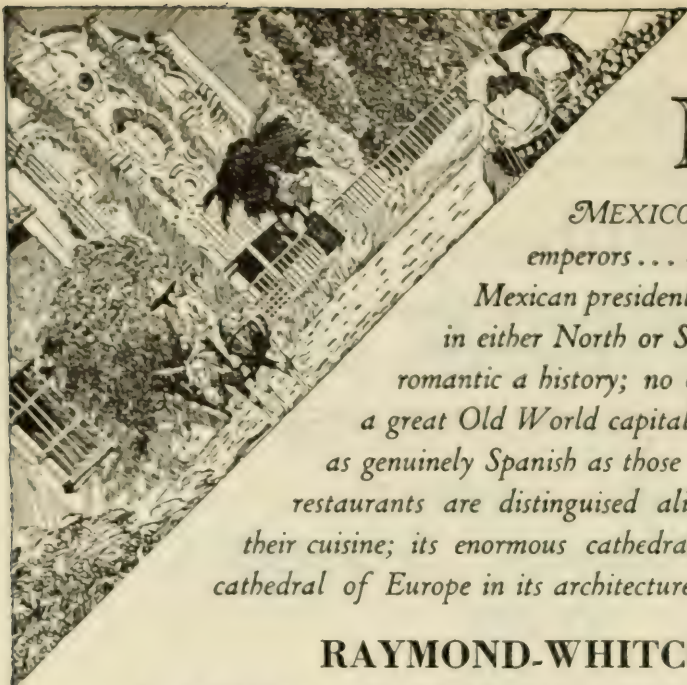
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The autograph title of this work is as follows: "Concerto 3 a tre Violini, tre Viole, e tre Violoncelli col Basso per il Cembalo."

When the Concerto was played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on May 2, 1914, Mr. DeVito was the pianist.

The first movement in a somewhat different form was used by Bach in the cantata, "Ich liebe den Höchsten von ganzem Gemüthe." Bach added for this cantata two horns and three oboes obbligati.

I. G major, 2-2. The strings, divided into three groups, begin with a lively theme. The movement consists of developments in many forms of portions of this theme; for example, the motive of the first measure is used with a new figure in opposition; measures 4, 5, 6 are contrapuntally treated. A half-cadence on D introduces the working-out of motives from the third measure of the theme, while the initial motive of the first measure appears in violoncellos and double-basses, until the chief theme leads to a cadence, G major. A new episode is based on the second part of the second measure. When G major again comes, a new theme is opposed to the chief theme. The voices alternate in double counterpoint. At last the movement ends with



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the chief theme. "One passage," says Spitta, "is as fine as anything in the whole realm of German instrumental music. The chief subject is given out in the second violin part; the first violin then starts an entirely new subject, which next appears in the second violin, drawing in more and more instruments, and is at last taken up by the third violin and third viola and given out weightily on their G strings; this is the signal for a flood of sound to be set free from all sides, in the swirl of which all polyphony is drowned for several measures." Spitta refers here to a place near the middle of the movement.

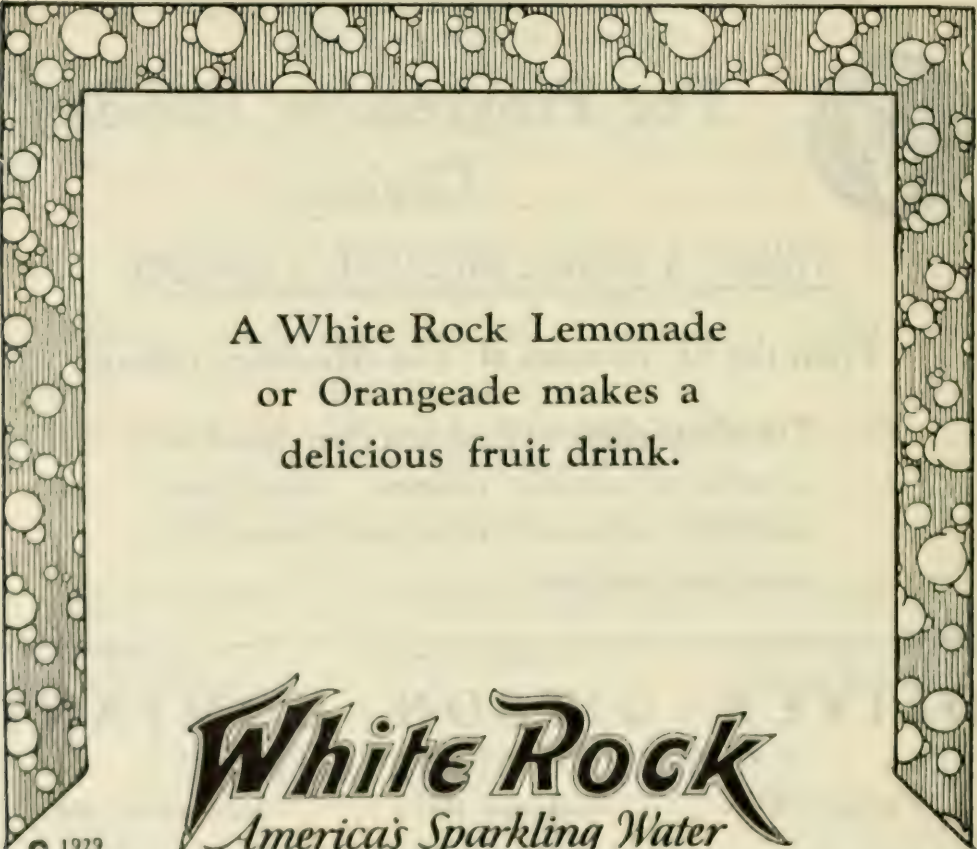
SYMPHONY IN C MAJOR, No. 2, Op. 61

ROBERT ALEXANDER SCHUMANN

(Born at Zwickau, on June 8, 1810; died at Endenich, on July 29, 1856)

In October, 1844, Schumann left Leipsic, where he had lived for about fourteen years.* He had in July given up the editorship of the *Neue Zeitschrift*; he had been a teacher of pianoforte playing and composition at the Leipsic Conservatory from April, 1843. A singularly reserved man, hardly fitted for the duties of a teacher and without pupils, he was in a highly nervous state, so that a physician recom-

*There is a story of Wagner complaining in Dresden that Schumann was so silent; it is impossible to discuss with a man who will scarcely open his mouth; while Schumann complained that it is impossible to endure for long a man who talks incessantly.



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mended a change of scene and told him he should not hear too much music. Schumann therefore moved back to Dresden.* "Here," he wrote in 1844, "one can recover the old lost longing for music, there is so little to hear. This suits my condition, for I still suffer very much from my nerves, and everything affects and exhausts me immediately." He saw few people; he talked little. In the early eighties they still showed in Dresden a restaurant frequented by him, where, seated in a room with his head against a wall, he would sit for hours at a time, dreaming day dreams. In 1846 he was very sick, mentally and bodily. "He observed that he was unable to remember the melodies that occurred to him when he was composing; the effort of invention fatigued his mind to such an extent that it impaired his memory." When he did work, he applied himself to contrapuntal problems.

The Symphony in C major, known as No. 2, but really the third,—for the one in D minor, first written, was withdrawn after performance, remodelled, and finally published as No. 4,—was composed in the years 1845 and 1846. Other works of those years are four fugues for pianoforte, studies and sketches for pedal piano, six fugues on the name of Bach for organ, intermezzo, rondo, and finale to "Fantasie" (published as Concerto, Op. 54), five songs by Burns for mixed chorus, four songs for mixed chorus, Op. 59, and a canon from Op. 124. The symphony was published, score and parts, in November, 1847.

The symphony was first played at the Gewandhaus, Leipsic, under Mendelssohn's direction, on November 5, 1846.† The first performance in Boston was at a concert of the Harvard Musical Association, March 1, 1866. The Philharmonic Society of New York performed it as early as January 14, 1854.

Schumann wrote from Dresden on April 2, 1849, to Otten,‡ a writer and conductor at Hamburg, who had brought about the performance of the symphony in that city: "I wrote the symphony in December, 1845, when I was still half-sick. It seems to me one must hear this in the music. In the Finale I first began to feel myself; and indeed I was much better after I had finished the work. Yet, as I have said, it recalls to me a dark period of my life. That, in spite of all, such tones of pain can awaken interest, shows me your sympathetic interest. Everything you say about the work also shows me how thoroughly you know music; and that my melancholy bassoon in the adagio, which I introduced in that spot with especial fondness, has not escaped your notice, gives me the greatest pleasure." In the same letter he expressed the opinion that Bach's Passion according to John was a more powerful and poetic work than his Passion according to Matthew.

And yet when Jean J. H. Verhulst of The Hague (1816-91) visited

*He was so sick that he feared he could not survive the journey. His wife wrote after their arrival in Dresden of the first days: "Robert did not sleep a single night; his imagination painted terrible pictures; in the early morning I usually found him bathed in tears, and he gave himself up completely."

†The first part of the programme included the overture, an aria, and the finale of Act II. of "Turandot" and the overture and finale of Act II. of "William Tell." The latter overture made such a sensation under Mendelssohn's direction that it was imperiously redemanded. The symphony, played from manuscript, pleased very few. Some went so far as to say that the demand for a second performance of Rossini's overture was a deliberate reflection on Schumann, whose symphony was yet to be heard.

‡George Dietrich Otten, born at Hamburg in 1806, showed a marked talent for drawing, which he studied, as well as the pianoforte and the organ; but he finally devoted himself to music, and became a pupil of Schneider at Dessau (1828-32). He taught at Hamburg, and led the concerts of the Hamburg Musik-Verein, which he founded, from 1855 to 1863. In 1883 he moved to Vevey, Switzerland.

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Schumann in 1845, and asked him what he had written that was new and beautiful. Schumann answered he had just finished a new symphony. Verhulst asked him if he thought he had fully succeeded. Schumann then said, "Yes, indeed, I think it's a regular Jupiter."

* * *

There is a dominating motive, or motto, which appears more or less prominently in three of the movements. This motto is proclaimed at the very beginning, *Sostenuto assai*, 6-4, by horns, trumpets, alto trombone, *pianissimo*, against flowing counterpoint in the strings. This motto is heard again in the finale of the following *allegro*, near the end of the *scherzo*, and in the concluding section of the finale. (It may also be said here that relationship of the several movements is further founded by a later use of other fragments of the introduction and by the appearance of the theme of the *adagio* in the finale.) This motto is not developed: its appearance is episodic. It is said by one of Schumann's biographers that the introduction was composed before the symphony was written, and that it was originally designed for another work. The string figure is soon given to the wood-wind instruments. There is a crescendo of emotion and an acceleration of the pace until a *cadenza* for the first violins brings in the *allegro*, *ma non troppo*, 3-4. The first theme of this *allegro* is exposed frankly and *piano* by full orchestra with the exception of trumpets and trombones. The rhythm is nervous, and accentuation gives the idea of constant syncopation. The second theme, if it may be called a theme, is not long in entering. The exposition of this movement, in fact, is uncommonly short. Then follows a long and elaborate development. In the climax the motto is sounded by the trumpets.

The *scherzo*, *Allegro vivace*, C major, has 2-4 two trios. The *scherzo* proper consists of first violin figures in sixteenth notes, rather simply accompanied. The first trio, in G major, 2-4, is in marked contrast. The first theme, in lively triplet rhythm, is given chiefly to wood-wind and horns; it alternates with a quieter, flowing phrase for strings. This trio is followed by a return of the *scherzo*. The second trio, in A minor, 2-4, is calm and melodious. The simple theme is sung at first in full harmony by strings (without double-basses) and then developed against a running contrapuntal figure. The *scherzo* is repeated, and, towards the close, trumpets and horns loudly sound the motto.

William Foster Apthorp contributed an interesting personal note concerning the *scherzo*. "The late Otto Dresel once told me a curious fact about this trio. When, as a boy, he was studying under Mendelssohn, in Leipsic, he happened to be left alone one day in Mendelssohn's study. While mousing around there with a boy's curiosity, he espied on a desk a MS. score that was not in Mendelssohn's handwriting. It turned out to be the MS. of Schumann's C major symphony—then unknown, save to the composer and a friend or two; it had evidently been sent to Mendelssohn to look over. Dresel, much interested in his unexpected find, forthwith began to read the score and had time to read it through and replace it where he had found it before Mendelssohn returned. He told me that, curiously enough, the triplet theme of the first trio of the *Scherzo* was exposed



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and carried through *by the strings alone*. Yet when, some weeks later, he heard the symphony rehearsed at the Gewandhaus, this theme was played by the wood-wind and horns, just as it stands now in the published score. Dresel thought it pretty plain that Schumann transferred this theme from the strings to the wind on Mendelssohn's advice. It was not uncharacteristic of Schumann's greenness in orchestral matters at the time that he should not have thought of giving the theme to the wind—after the carnival of the violins in the Scherzo proper—without being prompted thereto by his friend."

The third movement, *Adagio espressivo*, 2-4, is the development of an extended cantilena that begins in C minor and ends in E-flat major. Violins first sing it; then the oboe takes it, and the song is more and more passionate in melancholy until it ends in the wood-wind against violin trills. This is followed by a contrapuntal episode, which to some is incongruous in this extremely romantic movement. The melodic development returns, and ends in C major.

The finale, *Allegro molto vivace*, C major, 2-2, opens after two or three measures of prelude with the first theme of vigorous character (full orchestra except trombones). This is lustily developed until it reaches a transitional passage, in which the violins have prominent figures. All this is in rondo form. The second theme is scored for violas, violoncellos, clarinets, and bassoons, while violins accompany with the figures mentioned. This theme recalls the opening song of the *adagio*. A new theme, formed from development of the recollection, long hinted at, finally appears in the wood-wind, and is itself developed into a coda of extraordinary length. Figures from the first theme of the finale are occasionally heard, but the theme itself does not appear in the coda, although there is a reminiscence of a portion of the first theme of the first movement. The motto is sounded by the brass. There is a second exultant climax, in which the introductory motive is of great importance.

This symphony, dedicated to Oscar I., King of Sweden and Norway, is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, three trombones, kettledrums, strings.

"MA MÈRE L'OYE," 5 PIÈCES ENFANTINES ("MOTHER GOOSE."* FIVE CHILDREN'S PIECES) JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure, Basses Pyrénées, March 7, 1875; now living near Paris)

These pieces were originally composed in 1908 for pianoforte (four hands), and for the pleasure of the children, Mimie and Jean Godebski, to whom they were dedicated when the pieces were published in 1910. They were first performed at a concert of the Société Musical Indépendante, Salle Gaveau, Paris, on April 20, 1910. The pianists were Christine Verger, six years old, and Germaine Duramy, ten years old.

1. Pavane of the Sleeping Beauty. Lent, A minor, 4-4. This

*Mother Goose in English does not tell fairy tales.—Ed.

movement is only twenty measures long. It is based on the opening phrase for flute, horns, and violas.

II. "Hop o' my Thumb." Ravel has quoted in the score this passage from Perrault's tale: "He believed that he would easily find his path by the means of his bread crumbs which he had scattered wherever he had passed; but he was very much surprised when he could not find a single crumb: the birds had come and eaten everything up."

III. "Laideronnette, Empress of the Pagodes." The French give the name "pagode" to a little grotesque figure with a movable head, and thus extend the meaning, which was also found in English for pagoda, "an idol or image." This latter use of the word is now obsolete in the English language. A "laideron" is any ugly young girl or young woman. There is this quotation from "Serpentin Vert" by the Countess Marie Catherine d'Aulnoy (about 1655-1705) who wrote romances and also fairy tales in imitation of Perrault. "She undressed herself and went into the bath. The pagodes and pagodines began to sing and play on instruments; some had theorbos made of walnut shells; some had viols made of almond shells; for they were obliged to proportion the instruments to their figure." Laideronnette in the story, the daughter of a king and queen, was cursed in her cradle by Magotine, a wicked fairy, with the curse of the most horrible ugliness. When the princess grew up, she asked that she might dwell far away in a castle where no one could see her. In the forest near by she met a huge green serpent, who told her that he was once handsomer than she was. Laideronnette had many adventures. In a little boat, guarded by the serpent, she went out to sea, and was wrecked on the coast of a land inhabited by pagodes, a little folk whose bodies were formed from porcelain, crystal, diamonds, emeralds, etc. The ruler was an unseen monarch,—the green snake who also had been enchanted by



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Magotine. Finally, he was changed into human shape, and he married Laideronnette, whose beauty was restored.

IV. "The Conversations of Beauty and the Beast." Quotations from Mme. Leprince de Beaumont are given :

"When I think how good-hearted you are, you do not seem to me so ugly."

"Yes, I have, indeed, a kind heart; but I am a monster."

"There are many men more monstrous than you."

"If I had wit, I would invent a fine compliment to thank you, but I am only a beast."

"Beauty, will you be my wife?"

"No, Beast!"

"I die content since I have the pleasure of seeing you again."

"No, my dear Beast, you shall not die; you shall live to be my husband!"

The Beast had disappeared, and she saw at her feet only a prince more beautiful than Love, who thanked her for having broken his enchantment.

Mouvement de Valse très modéré, F major, 3-4. This movement is based chiefly on a melody for the clarinet, which begins in the second measure. There is a middle section with a subject suggesting the Beast and given to the double bassoon. The two subjects are combined. At the end, a solo violin plays the theme of the middle section.

V. "The Fairy Garden." Lent et grave, C major, 3-4. The movement is based on the opening theme for strings.

"TILL EULENSPIEGEL'S MERRY PRANKS, AFTER THE OLD-FASHIONED ROGUISH MANNER,—IN RONDO FORM," FOR FULL ORCHESTRA, OP. 28 RICHARD STRAUSS

(Born at Munich, June 11, 1864; now living at Vienna)

"Till Eulenspiegel's lustige Streiche, nach alter Schelmenweise—in Rondoform—für grosses Orchester gesetzt, von Richard Strauss," was produced at a Gürzenich concert at Cologne, November 5, 1895. It was composed in 1894-95 at Munich, and the score was completed there, May 6, 1895. The score and parts were published in September, 1895.

There has been dispute concerning the proper translation of the phrase, "nach alter Schelmenweise," in the title. Some, and Mr. Apthorp was one of them, translate it "after an old rogue's tune." Others will not have this at all, and prefer "after the old,—or old-fashioned,—roguish manner," or, as Mr. Krehbiel suggested, "in the style of old-time waggery," and this view is in all probability the sounder. It is hard to twist "Schelmenweise" into "rogue's tune." "Schelmenstück," for instance, is "a knavish trick," a "piece of roguery." As Mr. Krehbiel well said: "The reference [*Schelmen-*

weise] goes, not to the thematic form of the phrase, but to its structure. This is indicated, not only by the grammatical form of the phrase but also by the parenthetical explanation: 'in Rondo form.' What connection exists between roguishness, or waggishness, and the rondo form it might be difficult to explain. The roguish wag in this case is Richard Strauss himself, who, besides putting the puzzle into his title, refused to provide the composition with even the smallest explanatory note which might have given a clue to its contents." It seems to us that the puzzle in the title is largely imaginary. There is no need of attributing any intimate connection between "roguish manner" and "rondo form."

Till (or Tyll) Eulenspiegel is the hero of an old *Volksbuch* of the fifteenth century attributed to Dr. Thomas Murner (1475-1530). Till is supposed to be a wandering mechanic of Brunswick, who plays all sorts of tricks, practical jokes,—some of them exceedingly coarse,—on everybody, and he always comes out ahead. In the book, Till (or Till Owlglass, as he is known in the English translation) goes to the gallows, but he escapes through an exercise of his ready wit, and dies peacefully in bed, playing a sad joke on his heirs, and refusing to lie still and snug in his grave. Strauss kills him on the scaffold. The German name is said to find its derivation in an old proverb: "Man sees his own faults as little as a monkey or an owl recognizes his ugliness in looking into a mirror."

When Dr. Franz Wüllner, who conducted the first performance at Cologne, asked the composer for an explanatory programme of the "poetical intent" of the piece, Strauss replied: "It is impossible for me to furnish a programme to 'Eulenspiegel'; were I to put into words the thoughts which its several incidents suggested to me, they would seldom suffice, and might even give rise to offence. Let me leave it, therefore, to my hearers to crack the hard nut which the Rogue has prepared for them. By way of helping them to a better

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understanding, it seems sufficient to point out the two 'Eulenspiegel' motives, which, in the most manifold disguises, moods, and situations, pervade the whole up to the catastrophe, when, after he has been condemned to death, Till is strung up to the gibbet. For the rest, let them guess at the musical joke which a Rogue has offered them." Strauss indicated in notation three motives,—the opening theme of the introduction, the horn theme that follows almost immediately, and the descending interval expressive of condemnation and the scaffold.

Certain German critics were not satisfied with Strauss's meagre clue, and they at once began to evolve labored analyses. One of these programmes, the one prepared by Wilhelm Klatte, was published in the *Allgemeine Musik-Zeitung* of November 8, 1895, and frequently in programme books in Germany and England, in some cases with Strauss's sanction.* The translation is, for the most part, by C. A. Barry:—

A strong sense of German folk-feeling (*des Volksthümlichen*) pervades the whole work; the source from which the tone-poet drew his inspiration is clearly indicated in the introductory bars: *Gemächlich* (*Andante comodo*), F major, 4-8. To some extent this stands for the "once upon a time" of the story-books. That what follows is not to be treated in the pleasant and agreeable manner of narrative poetry, but in a more sturdy fashion, is at once made apparent by a characteristic bassoon figure which breaks in *sforzato* upon the piano of the strings. Of equal importance for the development of the piece is the immediately following humorous horn theme (F major, 6-8). Beginning quietly and gradually becoming more lively, it is at first heard against a tremolo of the "divided" violins and then again in the *tempo primo*, *Sehr lebhaft* (*Vivace*). This theme, or at least the kernel of it, is taken up in turn by oboes, clarinets, violas, violoncellos, and bassoons, and is finally brought by the full orchestra, except trumpets and trombones, after a few bars, *crescendo*, to a dominant half-close *fortissimo* in C. The thematic material, according to the main point, has now been fixed upon; the *milieu* is given, by which we are enabled to recognize the pranks and droll tricks which the crafty schemer is about to bring before our eyes, or, far rather, before our ears.

Here he is (clarinet phrase followed by chord for wind instruments). He wanders through the land as a thoroughgoing adventurer. His clothes are tattered and torn: a queer, fragmentary version of the Eulenspiegel motive resounds from the horns. Following a merry play with this important leading motive, which directly leads to a short but brilliant tutti, in which it again asserts itself, first in the flutes, and then finally merges into a softly murmuring and extended tremolo for the violas, this same motive, gracefully phrased, reappears in succession in the basses, flute, first violins, and again in the basses. The rogue, putting on his best manners, slyly passes through the gate, and enters a certain city. It is market-day; the women sit at their stalls and prattle (flutes, oboes, and clari-

*It has been stated that Strauss gave Wilhelm Mauke a programme of this rondo to assist Mauke in writing his "Führer," or elaborate explanation of the composition.

nets). Hop! Eulenspiegel springs on his horse (indicated by rapid triplets extending through three measures, from the low D of the bass clarinet to the highest A of the D clarinet), gives a smack of his whip, and rides into the midst of the crowd. Clink, clash, clatter! A confused sound of broken pots and pans, and the market-women are put to flight! In haste the rascal rides away (as is admirably illustrated by a fortissimo passage for the trombones) and secures a safe retreat.

This was his first merry prank; a second follows immediately: *Gemächlich* (*Andante comodo*), F major, 2-4. Eulenspiegel has put on the vestments of a priest, and assumes a very unctuous mien. Though posing as a preacher of morals, the rogue peeps out from the folds of his mantle (the Eulenspiegel motive on the clarinet points to the imposture). He fears for the success of his scheme. A figure played by muted violins, horns, and trumpets makes it plain that he does not feel comfortable in his borrowed plumes. But soon he makes up his mind. Away with all scruples! He tears them off (solo violin, glissando).

Again the Eulenspiegel theme is brought forward in the previous lively tempo, 6-8, but is now subtly metamorphosed and chivalrously colored. Eulenspiegel has become a Don Juan, and he waylays pretty women. And one has bewitched him: Eulenspiegel is in love! Hear how now, glowing with love, the violins, clarinets, and flutes sing. But in vain. His advances are received with derision, and he goes away in a rage. How can one treat him so slightly? Is he not a splendid fellow? Vengeance on the whole human race! He gives vent to his rage (in a fortissimo of horns in unison, followed by a pause), and strange personages suddenly draw near (violoncellos). A troop of honest, worthy Philistines! In an instant all his anger is forgotten. But it is still his chief joy to make fun of these lords and protectors of blameless decorum, to mock them, as is apparent from the lively and accentuated fragments of the theme, sounded at the beginning by the horn, which are now heard first from horns, violins, violoncellos, and then from trumpets, oboes, and flutes. Now that Eulenspiegel has had his joke, he goes away and leaves the professors and doctors behind in

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thoughtful meditation. Fragments of the typical theme of the Philistines are here treated canonically. The wood-wind, violins, and trumpets suddenly project the Eulenspiegel theme into their profound philosophy. It is as though the transcendent rogue were making faces at the bigwigs from a distance—again and again—and then waggishly running away. This is aptly characterized by a short episode (A-flat) in a hopping, 2-4 rhythm, which, similarly with the first entrance of the Hypocrisy theme previously used, is followed by phantom-like tones from the wood-wind and strings and then from trombones and horns. Has our rogue still no foreboding?

Interwoven with the very first theme, indicated lightly by trumpets and English horn, a figure is developed from the second introductory and fundamental theme. It is first taken up by the clarinets; it seems to express the fact that the arch-villain has again got the upper hand of Eulenspiegel, who has fallen into his old manner of life. If we take a formal view, we have now reached the repetition of the chief theme. A merry jester, a born liar, Eulenspiegel goes wherever he can succeed with a hoax. His insolence knows no bounds. Alas! there is a sudden jolt to his wanton humor. The drum rolls a hollow roll; the jailer drags the rascally prisoner into the criminal court. The verdict "guilty" is thundered against the brazen-face knave. The Eulenspiegel theme replies calmly to the threatening chords of wind and lower strings. Eulenspiegel lies. Again the threatening tones resound; but Eulenspiegel does not confess his guilt. On the contrary he lies for the third time. His jig is up. Fear seizes him. The Hypocrisy motive is sounded piteously; the fatal moment draws near; his hour has struck! The descending leap of a minor seventh in bassoons, horns, trombones, tuba, betokens his death. He has danced in air. A last struggle (flutes), and his soul takes flight.

After sad, tremulous pizzicati of the strings, the epilogue begins. At first it is almost identical with the introductory measures, which are repeated in full; then the most essential parts of the second and third chief-theme passages appear, and finally merge into the soft chord of the sixth on A-flat, while wood-wind and violins sustain. Eulenspiegel has become a legendary character. The people tell their tales about him: "Once upon a time . . ." But that he was a merry rogue and a real devil of a fellow seems to be expressed by the final eight measures, full orchestra, fortissimo.

Such is Wilhelm Klatte's explanation of the poetic contents of Strauss's rondo, and though the composer may smile in his sleeve and whisper to himself, "Not a bit like it!" he never publicly contradicted Mr. Klatte.

The rondo, dedicated to Dr. Arthur Seidl, is scored for piccolo, three flutes, three oboes, English horn, small clarinet in D, two clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns (with the addition of four horns *ad lib.*), three trumpets (with three additional trumpets *ad lib.*), three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, snare-drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, a watchman's rattle, strings.

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(Born at St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) on August 10, 1865; living in Leningrad)

This symphony was completed in 1896. It was performed for the first time on February 20, 1897, at one of the concerts in Leningrad of the Young Russian School, concerts organized by Belaïev, the publisher.

(The name of Belaïev, the publisher, must necessarily be associated with that of Glazounov. Belaïev, who had gained a great fortune as a merchant in grain, offered to publish at his own cost the compositions of Glazounov, his intimate friend. The young musician accepted the proposition, but insisted on introducing the Mæcenas to his colleagues. Thus the hypo-modern Russians found a publisher, and one that delighted in handsome editions. Furthermore, Belaïev gave at his own expense, in St. Petersburg, concerts devoted exclusively to the works of the younger school. It was he that in 1889 organized and paid all the cost of the concerts of Russian music at the Trocadéro, Paris. As Bruneau said: "Nothing can discourage him, neither the indifference of the crowd, nor the hate of rivals, nor the enmity of fools, nor the inability to understand, the inability on which one stumbles and is hurt every time one tries to go out of beaten paths. I am happy to salute

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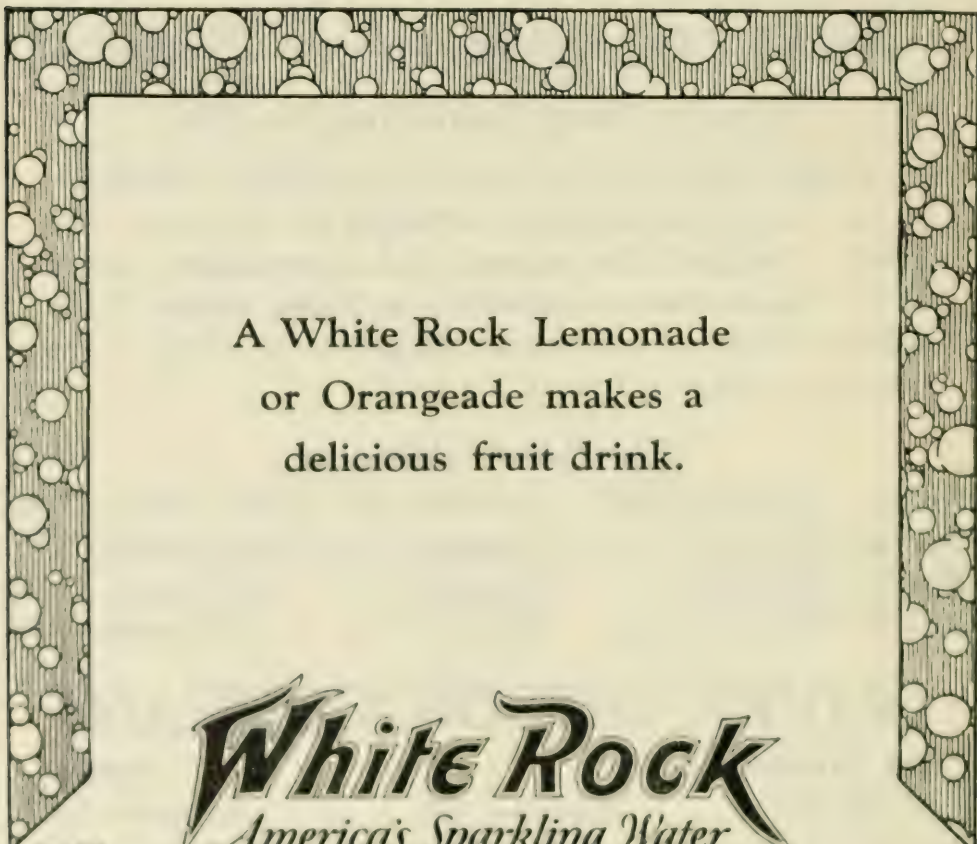
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here this brave man, who is probably without an imitator." Mitrofan Petrowitsch Belaïev, born at St. Petersburg, February 22, 1836, died there January 10, 1904. He founded his publishing-house in 1885; in the same year the Russian Symphony Concerts; and in 1891 the Russian Chamber Music Evenings. His firm was changed by his will into a fund directed by Glazounov, Liadov, and Rimsky-Korsakov.)

The program of this concert on February 20, 1897, included also a posthumous Andante and Finale for pianoforte and orchestra by Tchaikovsky* (Serge Taneïev, pianist); Taneïev's overture "Oresteia," and a Mazurka for orchestra by Felix Blumenfeld. The compositions by Glazounov, Taneïev, and Blumenfeld were conducted by the respective composers.

The first performance of this symphony in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, on October 21, 1899; Mr. Gericke, conductor. The second performance here was by this orchestra on January 5, 1901. The symphony is scored for three flutes (the third flute interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, three clarinets,

*These movements, found at Klin after Tchaikovsky's death, were arranged by him from sketches for a symphony planned in 1862. He wrote to Taneïev from Klin in July of that year: "Before I went abroad in May, I had sketched the first movement and finale of a symphony. When I was abroad, it did not at all progress. Now I have no time for it." The instrumentation of these fragments was by Taneïev.



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I. There is an Introduction, Adagio, C minor, 3-4. A theme is announced "pianissimo misterioso" by violoncellos and double-basses, and worked in full contrapuntal imitation. Closer imitations follow until there is a fortissimo climax. Syncopated chromatic harmonies are given to brass instruments over a sustained tremolo in the strings. Such developments lead to the main body of the movement, Allegro passionata, C minor, 2-2. It opens with the first theme (strings), which is the theme of the introduction with a different rhythm and a fuller development. The second theme, più tranquillo, E-flat major, is for the violins; it is taken up later by the wood-wind. The first theme returns in a more condensed form. Figures from it are put against the second theme in a sonorous climax. (This second theme is a more melodic version of a sighing phrase in the Introduction.) The dramatic free fantasia ends with a return of the syncopated harmonies for the brass in the introduction. The third part begins piano with the second theme in A-flat major for the wind, then is like the first part until a stormy coda sets in, Poco più mosso, C minor.

II. Tema con variazioni. There are seven variations on a theme given out in harmony by the strings. Some of the variations are contrapuntal; some are freely romantic.

Var. I. Più mosso. Allegro moderato, G major, 2-4.

Var. II. Allegretto, G major, 3-8, leading without pause into

Var. III. Scherzino, Allegro, E major, 6-8.

Var. IV. Fugato. Andante mistico, C major, 4-4, in the Gregorian Phrygian mode; i.e., the scale of "white keys" beginning and ending on E. This variation leads into

Var. V. Notturmo. B major, 4-4.

Var. VI. Allegro moderato, E minor, 3-4.

Var. VII. Finale. Moderato maestoso, G major, 4-4.

III. Intermezzo: Allegretto, E-flat major, 3-8, in the form of a scherzo with trio. The chief theme is given at once to the wood-wind with a pizzicato bass for the violoncellos. The Trio is in A-flat major, Più mosso. Theme for flute and first violins pizzicato. After a repetition of the first part's material, there are hints at the Trio's theme as a free code for the ending.

IV. The fourth movement, C major, has somewhat the character of a Russian dance. There is free development of two themes, not very dissimilar melodically. There is persistent use of the first

*Felix Michailowitsch Blumenfeld was born at Kovalevskia in the Russian government Cherson, on April 19, 1863. He was educated musically at the St. Petersburg—now Leningrad—Conservatory where he took piano lessons of Theodore Stein (1819-1893). He taught piano playing at this conservatory in 1885 and in 1897 was made a professor. During the years 1898-1912 he was one of the conductors at the Royal Opera House. Among his compositions are a symphony, C minor, Op. 39; a Mazurka for orchestra; an Allegro in A major for piano and orchestra; a string quartet in F major, Op. 26, which was awarded a prize by the Society for Chamber Music; pieces for the violoncello, Op. 19, Op. 23; songs, and many piano pieces. His brother Stanislaus (1850-1897) was a pianist, a teacher, and the director of a music school. Another brother, Sigismund (born at Odessa in 1852), a composer of songs and piano music, lives in Leningrad.

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one, which is carried through various tempi and rhythms: *Andante maestoso*, 4-2; *Moderato maestoso*, 6-4; after which the second theme enters in *Scherzando*; the first returns, *Allegro pesante*, 9-4, and later, *Allegro moderato*, 4-2. The second returns, *Moderato maestoso*, 2-2; the triplet, 6-4 rhythm, is soon established, and the pace quickens up to the end.

CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN WITH ORCHESTRA, OP. 82

ALEXANDER CONSTANTINOVITCH GLAZOUNOV

(Born at St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) on August 10, 1865; now living there)

This concerto, composed in 1904-1905, was published in 1905. It is dedicated to Leopold Auer. The composer's intention was to have it first played in public by Auer, but hearing Mischa Elman taking a lesson with Auer, he was so impressed by the boy's talent that he asked the teacher to allow his pupil to produce the work.* The first public performance was in the Queen's Hall, London, October 17, 1905; Elman, violinist—he was then in his fifteenth year; Henry J. Wood conductor. Auer was the first to play the concerto in Russia—at the last concert of the Imperial Musical Society at Leningrad in the season of 1904-05. The first performance in the United States was by the Russian Symphony Society in New York on March 3, 1910; Mischa Elman, violinist.

The first performance in Boston was at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 28, 1911: Efrem Zimbalist, violinist; Max Fiedler, conductor. Richard Burgin was the violinist at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 18, 1927; Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor.

The concerto is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones (*poi*), kettledrums, campanelli (*poi*) triangle, cymbals, harp (*poi*), solo violin, and the usual strings. It is practically in four movements without interruption, *Moderato*, A minor, 4-4. The chief theme is of an expressive nature, announced at once by the solo violin with a light accompaniment, chiefly clarinets and bassoons. This theme recurs frequently. The second subject, a flowing one, is also given to the solo violin, *Andante*, D-flat, 3-4. This section, in aria form, is followed by an agitated section; then there is a return to the first movement. An elaborate cadenza leads to the Finale, *Allegro*, A major, 6-8. The chief theme is dialogued, at first by trumpets and violin. It is afterwards given out in an orchestral fortissimo. Other thematic material is of a joyous nature.

*The *Musical Times*, reviewing the performance, stated that the concerto "is dedicated to M. Leopold Auer, who at the composer's request had undertaken to play it for the first time, but M. Glazounov, visiting the professor while he was giving Elman a lesson, was so impressed by his extraordinary ability that the composer asked M. Auer if he would allow Elman to give the first performance of the work, a request to which the distinguished violinist willingly assented."

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TCHAIKOVSKY AND GLAZOUNOV

Tchaikovsky was fond of Glazounov and corresponded with him. He saw him in St. Petersburg the night before he was attacked with cholera. Tchaikovsky had been to the theater and talked with the actor Varlamov in his dressing-room. The actor described his loathing for "all those abominations" which remind one of death. Peter laughed and said: "There is plenty of time before we need reckon with this snub-nosed horror; it will not come to snatch us off yet! I feel I shall live a long time." He then went to a restaurant with two of his nephews. His brother Modest, entering later, found one or two other visitors with Peter, among them Glazounov. "They had already had their supper, and I was afterwards told my brother had eaten macaroni and drunk, as usual, white wine and sodawater. We went home about two A.M. Peter was perfectly well and serene."

Peter wrote* to his brother Modest, September 24, 1883: "I bought Glazounov's quartet in Kiev, and was pleasantly surprised. In spite of the imitations of Korsakov, in spite of the tiresome way he has of contenting himself with the endless repetition of an idea instead of its development, in spite of the neglect of melody and the pursuit of all kinds of harmonic eccentricities, the composer has undeniable talent. The form is so perfect it astonishes me, and I suppose his teacher helped him in this. I recommend you to buy the quartet and play it for four hands." This work must have been the String Quartet in D, Op. 1, composed some time between Glazounov's fifteenth and seventeenth birthdays.

Tchaikovsky wrote to Glazounov from Berlin (February 27, 1889): "If my whole tour consisted only of concerts and rehearsals, it would be very pleasant. Unhappily, however, I am overwhelmed with invitations to dinners and suppers. . . . I much regret that the Russian papers have said nothing as to my victorious campaign. What can I do? I have no friends on the Russian press. Even if I had, I should never manage to advertise myself. My press notices abroad are curious: some find fault, others flatter; but all testify to the fact that Germans know very little about Russian music. There are exceptions, of course. In Cologne and in other towns I came across people who took great interest in Russian music, and were well acquainted with it. In most instances Borodin's E-flat Symphony is well known. Borodin seems to be a special favorite in Germany (although they only care for this symphony). Many people ask for information about you. They know you are still very young, but are amazed when I tell them you were only fifteen when you wrote your Symphony in E-flat, which has become very well known since its performance at the Festival. Klindworth intends to produce a Russian work at his concert in Berlin. I recommended him Rimsky-Korsakov's 'Capriccio Espagnol' and your 'Stenka Razin.'" But this first symphony was in E major, not in E-flat major. The latter, No. 4, was not composed until 1893. Is the mistake Modest's or the translator's?

*The translations into English of these excerpts from Tchaikowsky's correspondence are by Mrs. Rosa Newmarch.

Early in 1890 Tchaikovsky was sojourning in Florence. He wrote to Glazounov: "Your kind letter touched me very much. Just now I am sadly in need of friendly sympathy and intercourse with people who are intimate and dear. I am passing through a very enigmatical stage on my road to the grave. Something strange, which I cannot understand, is going on within me. A kind of life-weariness has come over me. Sometimes I feel an insane anguish, but not that kind of anguish which is the herald of a new tide of love for life, rather something hopeless, final, and—like every finale—a little commonplace. Simultaneously a passionate desire to create. The devil knows what it is! In fact, sometimes I feel my song is sung, and then, again, an unconquerable impulse, either to give it fresh life or to start a new song. . . . As I have said, I do not know what has come to me. For instance, there was a time when I loved Italy and Florence. Now I have to make a great effort to emerge from my shell. When I do go out, I feel no pleasure whatever, either in the blue sky of Italy, in the sun that shines from it, in the architectural beauties I see around me, or in the teeming life of the streets. Formerly all this enchanted me, and quickened my imagination. Perhaps my trouble actually lies in those fifty years to which I shall attain two months hence, and my imagination will no longer take color from its surroundings?"

"But enough of this! I am working hard. Whether what I am doing is really good is a question to which only posterity can give the answer.

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perfunctory praise some friends consider it their duty to bestow, to which we listen, and which we accept, because we are only too glad to believe. You are strong enough to guard your feelings as composer in those moments when people tell you the truth. . . . I, too, dear Alexander Constantinovich, have sometimes wished to be quite frank with you about your work. I am a great admirer of your gifts. I value the earnestness of your aims and your artistic sense of honor. And yet I often think about you. I feel that as an older friend who loves you, I ought to warn you against exclusive tendencies and a kind of one-sidedness. Yet how to tell you this I do not quite know. In many respects you are a riddle to me. You have genius, but something prevents you from broadening out and penetrating the depths. . . . In short, during the winter you may expect a letter from me, in which I will talk to you after due reflection. If I fail to say anything apposite, it will be a proof of my incapacity, not the result of any lack of affection and sympathy for you."

"STENKA RAZIN," SYMPHONIC POEM FOR FULL ORCHESTRA, OP. 13
ALEXANDER GLAZOUNOV

(Born at St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) on August 10, 1865; now living at Leningrad)

"Stenka Razin" was composed at St. Petersburg in 1885. Dedicated "to the memory of the great Russian talent, Alexander Porfirievitch Borodin," it is scored for three flutes (one interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, four kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, tam-tam, harp, and strings. The composer conducted the symphonic poem at a concert of Russian music at the Trocadéro, Paris, on June 22, 1889—the year of a World's Exposition there. Tchaikovsky in February of that year recommended the poem to Klindworth for a concert of Russian music in Berlin. The work was first heard in Boston at a Chickering Production Concert, March 23, 1904, B. J. Lang conductor. It was played at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on January 2 and 3, 1920; November 3 and 4, 1922. The Russian Symphony Society, Modest Altschuler, conductor, performed it in New York on December 24, 1904.

At first Glazounov was given to fantastic, imaginative music. His suites and tone-poems told of carnivals, funerals, the voluptuous East, the forest with wood sprites, water nymphs, and will-o'-the-wisps, the ocean, the Kremlin of Moscow with all its holy and dramatic associations. "Stenka Razin" is built on three themes: the first is the melancholy song of the bargemen of the Volga; the second theme, short, savage, bizarre, typifies the hero who gives his name to the piece; and the third, a seductive melody, pictures in tones the captive Persian princess. The chant of the bargemen is that which vitalizes the orchestral piece. It is forever appearing, transformed in a thousand ways. The river is

personified. It is alive, enormous. One is reminded of Gogol's description of another Russian stream: "Marvellous is this river in peaceful weather, when it rolls at ease through forests and between mountains. You look at it, and you do not know whether it moves or not, such is its majesty. You would say that it were a road of blue ice, immeasurable, endless, sinuously making its way through verdure. What a delight for the broiling sun to cool his rays in the freshness of clear water, and for the trees on the bank to admire themselves in that looking-glass, the giant that he is! There is not a river like unto this one in the world."

In Turgenev's strange story, "Visions," the narrator takes one of his flights in air with the unseen companion Ellis at night over the Volga. Ellis told him to shout the old war-cry of the river pirates, "Saryn na Kitchoü." He gave the cry: there were answering shouts, there were groans and yells, lamentations, indescribable noises. At least the voice of Stenka was heard giving a horrible command. There was the knowledge of bloody deeds, and then—the vision faded.

This Razin was a Cossack, who long ago ruled the Volga, led an insurrection of the Cossacks of the Don in 1667, took Astrakan, devastated provinces; planned a march against Moscow, but was defeated by the Tsar's army and betrayed by his companions. He was broken on the wheel in the reign of the Tsar Alexis, 1672.

The score contains an argument in Russian:

"The calm expanse of the Volga. The peaceful land around has been disturbed by the dare-devil exploits of Razin and his brave fellows in skiffs. His sweetheart, a captive Persian Princess, accompanying Razin in his incursions, tells the band of a dream in which she had seen the hetman shot, the oarsmen shut up in prisons, and herself drowned in the Volga. The Tsar's soldiers surround Stenka. Realizing that the river demands a sacrifice, he throws his sweetheart overboard as the dearest of his possessions. His followers shout, glorifying Stenka, and rush upon the soldiers of the Tsar."

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Mr. Nathan Haskell Dole translated the folk song quoted below, and probably the argument published at the performance in Boston on March 23, 1904:

"The Volga immense and placid! For many years those along its banks had dwelt in peace when suddenly appeared the terrible hetman Stenka, who at the head of his savage band ran up and down the Volga devastating and pillaging the villages and towns along its shores. As the folk-song has it:

"Forth swiftly swam the light canoe,
The light canoe of the Atamán,
Of the Atamán, Stenka Razin.
The craft was everywhere adorned;
Seats it had for the Kazaki;
The sails were wove of silken cloth;
The sweeps were tipt with solid gold.
Amid the boat was a brocaded tent,
And in that brocaded tent there lay
Great barrels stuff with golden hoards.
On the treasure sat a beauteous maiden,
The mistress of the Atamán. . . .
A Persian princess, taken captive by Stenka Razin.

"One day she grew pensive, and addressing herself to the comrades of her master, she told them of a dream she had once dreamt:

"Listen to me, ye gallant braves;
When I was young, my sleep was light;
My sleep was light, but much I dreamed.
To me my dream seemed far from good:
I dreamed our chief was shot to death;
The Kázak oarsmen sat chained in prison;
And I—
I was drowned in Mother Volga."

"The dream of the Princess came true. Stenka was surrounded by the soldiers of the Tsar. Seeing his ruin at hand, Stenka cried out:

"'Never, during all the thirty years of my going up and down Mother Volga, have I made her a gift. To-day I shall give her what is in my eyes the most precious of earthly treasures.' Saying this, he threw the Princess into the Volga. The savage band began to sing the praise of their leader, and they all rushed upon the soldiers of the Tsar."

Mr. Montagu-Nathan finds "Stenka Razin" a "tribute to the music-historical method of nationalism." He said, writing in 1916: "At the recent production in Russia of the ballet 'Stenka Razin,' in which Glazounov's music was used, it was complained that the symphonic movement did not coincide with the dramatic action. This is not, as might have been supposed, the fault of the composer, but of the producer, the music having been written many years before the ballet was designed."

. . .

SONG OF THE VOLGA BARGEMEN

(A theme in "Stenka Razin")

Mr. Glazounov used this song for an orchestral composition, which Rimsky-Korsakov in his Autobiography characterizes as

“magnificent.” It was performed in Leningrad in the season of 1905–06. Mr. Glazounov conducted a performance of it at his concert in New York on December 3, 1929.

This song is classed among the “Vólzhskia” or “Burlátskia,” songs of the “Burláki,” or pullers of barges: a traditional song of these men, who, according to Mr. Kurt Schindler (Preface to his collection of “Sixty Russian Folk-Songs”), were “the most miserable slaves of the times of Russian serfdom. The inhuman practice of using human labor to haul the freighted barges up and down the river was abandoned toward the middle of the last century. Only with the help of rhythmical songs could the laborers stand the terrific strain of their physical task, songs that accentuated and systematized rhythmically their efforts of pulling and spasms of relaxation. . . . The sentiment of aspiration which speaks in the ‘Razbóinitchia’ (robber-songs) sounds even stronger from the wonderful Volga Songs of the ‘Burláka.’ . . . These songs, which (after the abolition of this slavery) have survived and spread all over the world, appeal to the sentiment of infinite and passionate longings as do no other musical strains. In them lives what the Russians like to term ‘shirókoie razdólie,’ the feeling of a wide, vast expansion.

“The text of the song consists of a few exclamations (‘Eh, Ughnyem’—‘Pull on, pull!’ and ‘Ai da da, ai da’—‘Hi! Ho’), together with six other words. These six words are so cryptic, so puzzling in their meaning, that the editor could never get a satisfactory translation from his many and scholarly Russian friends. These words are: *Razovyóm mui beriózu*, *Razovyóm mui kudryavu*. The form *razovyóm* is derived from the verb *razvit*, meaning to unwind. Thus we would deduce the literal translation to be: ‘Let us unwind the birch. Let us unwind the curly one!’ The most plausible explanation, then, would be that the ropes at which the individual laborers pulled were fastened around the stem of a birch, and wound and unwound with each movement, successively (in his folk-poetry, the Russian peasant always likens the fluffy foliage of his beloved birch-tree to the curly locks of a maiden).”

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 Aï, da da: aï, da da.
 Once again, lads! Once again!
 Pull, boys, pull!"

. . .

Mr. Schindler in his "Songs of the Russian People" (mixed voices), including "Ballad of the Volga," says that any Russian, questioned about the Volga Song, will at once think of "Ballad of the Volga," an early mediæval song in the days of independent nomadic tribes under their Hetmans, rather than the "Ei Uchnjem."

The "Volga Bargemen's Song" was sung in Boston on February 23, 1893, by Eugenia Lineff's Russian Choir of mixed voices. It was played here with thrilling effect at a concert of the Russian Bala-laika Orchestra at the Hollis Street Theater on December 19, 1910. It was played here with scenic action at performances of the Chauve-Souris.

Composers have treated it in more or less elaborate form; as Stravinsky, whose arrangement for piccolo, flute, two oboes, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, and tam-tam, was first performed in April 1917, at the Costanzi Theatre, Rome, Ballet Russe, entertainment for the benefit of the Italian Red Cross. The score was published in 1920. The first performance in Boston was at a Young People's Concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on November 4, 1924. The Boston Symphony Orchestra played it at its concert on January 23, 1925, when the programme was devoted to Stravinsky and his works. (He played his concerto for piano and wind orchestra with double basses—first performance in this country.)

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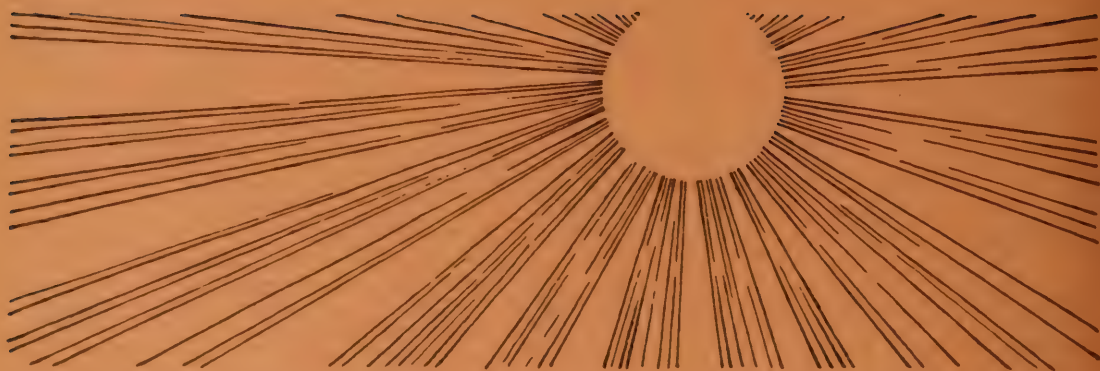
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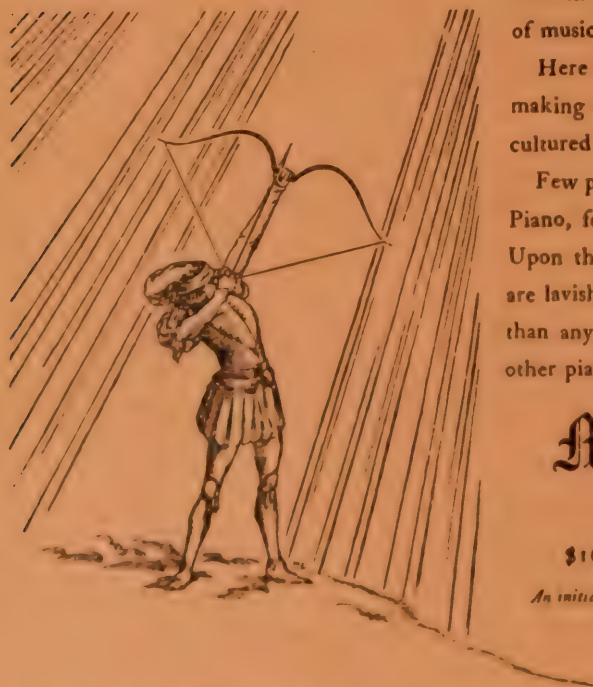
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a complimentary or amorous nature. The music composed for these open-air and evening concerts was also performed in halls.

Short movements for one instrument or several were known in Germany as *Parthien*, and they were seldom published. Then there was the *cassazione*, or cassation, from the Latin *cassatio*. This species of music should have been a piece that brought the end of the concert, an overcoat-and-galoshes piece; but the term was applied to any piece suitable for performance in the open air at night. The serenade, which in form is much like the cassation, was performed during parties, dinners, wedding feasts, in the parlors or the gardens of princes or rich merchants. Haydn and Mozart wrote much music of this nature, but did not always distinguish between the cassation and the serenade, according to Michel Brenet, who says that the serenade always opened with a march, and that the movements were separated by *Minuettos*. The number of movements was from one to ten, and the instruments were from four to six. When the pieces were played in the open air, the parts were not doubled. A cassation of four instruments was played by only four musicians.

The Serenade, Notturmo, Cassation, and Divertimento differed from the older Suite in that all the movements were not in the same key, and the older dance forms—gavotte, sarabande, passacaglia, courante, bourrée, gigue, etc.—seldom appeared in them. "It is highly probable that compositions of this description were not intended to be played continuously, or with only such short waits between the separate movements as are customary in symphonies or concertos; upon the whole they were not strictly concert music, but intended to be given at festive gatherings. It is most likely that the several movements were intended to be played separately, with long intervals for conversation, feasting or other amusements between. Only in this way can the extreme length of some Serenades be accounted for. We find no instance of concert compositions of such length in other forms in Mozart's and Haydn's day."

Johann Mattheson believed that a serenade should be played on the water: "Nowhere does it sound better in still weather; and one can there use all manner of instruments in their strength, which in a room would sound too violent and deafening, as trumpets, drums, horns, etc. . . . The chief characteristic of the serenade must be tenderness, *la tendresse*. . . . No melody is so small, no piece so great that in it a certain chief characteristic should not prevail and distinguish it from others; otherwise it is nothing. And when one employs a serenade out of its element—I mean effect—in congratulations, pageants, advancement of pupils in schools, etc., he goes against the peculiar nature of the thing. Things of government and military service are foreign to it; for the night is attached to nothing with such intimate friendship as it is to love" ("*Kern melodischer Wissenschaft*," Hamburg, 1737, p. 101).

The first symphonies of Sammartini (1705–75?) were written for open-air performance, and Mozart wrote his father in 1782 that one Martin had obtained permission to give twelve concerts in the Augarten at Vienna and four "grand concerts of night-music" in the finest squares of the town. Volkmann planned his three serenades for concert-hall use. Brahms applied the term "serenade" to his

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Op. 11 and Op. 16, which were published in 1860, but Hans Volkman in his biography of Robert Volkmann (Leipsic, 1903) says that the latter did not know these works of Brahms when he composed his own serenades. Those of Brahms are more in the symphonic manner; while the purpose of Volkmann was perhaps to write music that would satisfy the dictum of the talker reported by Athenæus: "Music softens moroseness of temper; first dissipates sadness, and produces affability and a sort of gentlemen-like joy." Yet Volkmann's third Serenade begins in doleful dumps.

CONCERTO FOR VIOLONCELLO AND ORCHESTRA . . . ARTHUR HONEGGER

(Born at Havre, France, on March 10, 1892; living at Paris)

This concerto is in manuscript. Honegger wrote a sonata for violoncello and piano in 1920.

Mr. Honegger supplies the following note:

"This concerto was composed for Maurice Maréchal in 1928 and 1929 at Paris. The three movements, which are enchainé without interruption, are in the classic form, as in my concertino for the piano. The first movement is composed of two very distinct elements: a placid theme and a rhythmic theme. The second movement is a song in imitation of a North American Indian Chant. The gay and rhythmed Finale brings in little by little a second sentimental theme, which, always desirous of introducing itself, is finally repulsed."

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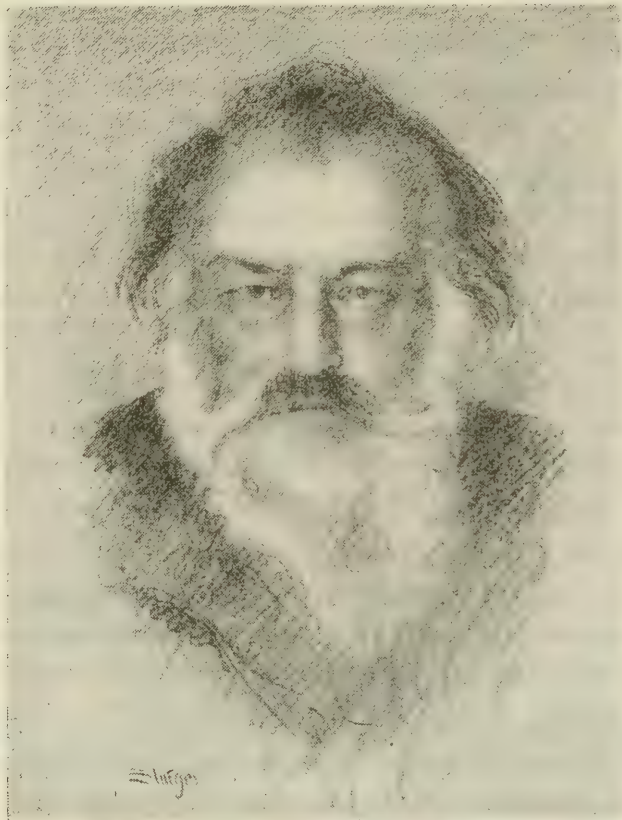
The *Daily Telegraph* (London) of June 24, 1928, published the following letter from an unnamed correspondent:

"The first ballet based on the artistic and cultural ideals of the Soviet has recently been produced at the State Opera House in Moscow. While production, scenic design, music and dancing all closely adhere to the old tradition—the ballet is probably the most conservative institution in Soviet Russia—the attempt has been made to frame a story on political and propaganda lines. 'The Red Poppy' pictures Russian hopes of a Communist Revolution in China; the contending interests symbolized in the persons of a beautiful Chinese dancer, the hero a noble and extremely dull young Soviet mercantile

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"In a scene of great magnificence 'English officers' and feminine members of the ballet dance the fox-trot and Charleston (elsewhere discouraged in Russia) to jazz music. A plot is hatched to kill the Russian. The Englishman invites him to the party, at which the Chinese dancer is ordered to offer him a poisoned cup. As he is about to drink (in the presence of the villainous and delighted Briton) she dashes it from his lips. Wherefore she is promptly shot by one of her Europeanized and corrupt compatriots, aided by some ugly-looking thugs. The final scene, her death-bed, is the apotheosis of stricken China, when, under the illuminated blood-red Soviet emblem appearing in the darkened sky, the naval hero hands her the red poppy, symbol of China's revolutionary future. Small coolie children gather round her bier, strewing it with poppy petals and hoisting over it the Red Flag.

"The story is as simple and straightforward as that of 'Red Riding Hood.' The mounting is of an order of magnificence in certain scenes exceeding the resplendencies of Drury Lane. Costumes, hangings, and tapestries have been partly lent by the Museum of Oriental Art, partly copied from its treasures. The music blends the lusciousness and even some of the leitmotifs of 'Madama Butterfly' with the strong rhythms of Richard Strauss and the syncopations of a Gershwin. Its intrinsic value is not great. The dancing, particularly the work of half-a-dozen leading male performers, is superb. Certain *pas seculs* performed by male soloists in the first scene attain the perfection of traditional ballet technique, as we know it. Among the large crowd of performers are groups of children, some not more than seven or eight years old, training at the State Ballet School, attached to the Opera House.

"The ingenuousness of idea, sumptuousness of staging and lack

of original intellectual production are typical of modern Russian art, with the exception of that invented by Meyerhold. One is far from convinced that political propaganda will lend itself successfully to the creation of theatrical works of lasting value."

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

The first performance in the United States of this Bolero as a concert piece was by the Philharmonic Society of New York, Mr. Toscanini conductor, on November 14, 1929. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on December 6, 1929.

Tempo di ballo, moderato assai, 3-4. A drum gives the dance rhythm, which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a "tornado of sound."

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of "Valencia," had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.



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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czerwinski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

The name "Bolero" or "Volero" is supposed by some to come from *volar*, to fly, "because a Manchega expert had danced the Seguidillas so wonderfully and lightly that he seemed to fly." Is the Bolero the outcome of the Seguidillas? When the Bolero or Fandango is danced as a ballet by eight persons, it is usually called the Seguidillas.

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and especially of the most typical type, called flamenco, lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate

association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."* He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals, beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless. The sharp, spirit-stirring click is heard behind the scenes—the effect is instantaneous—it creates life under the ribs of death—it silences the tongues of countless women—*on n'écoute que le ballet*. The curtain draws up; the bounding pair dart forward from the opposite sides like two separated lovers, who, after long search, have found each other again, nor do they seem to think of the public, but only of each other; the glitter of the gossamer costume of the Majo and Maja seems invented for this Dance—the sparkle of the gold lace and silver filigree adds to the lightness of their motions; the transparent, form-designing *saya* of the lady heightens the charms of a faultless symmetry which it fain would conceal; no cruel stays fetter her serpentine flexibility. They pause—bend forward an instant—prove their supple limbs† and arms; the band strikes up, they turn fondly towards each other, and start into life. . . . The accompaniment of the castanet gives employment to their upraised arms. 'C'est,' say the French, '*le pantomime d'amour*.' The enamored youth persecutes the coy, coquettish maiden; who shall describe the advances—her timid retreat; his eager pursuit, like Apollo chasing Daphne? Now they gaze on each other; now all is life, love, and action; now there is a pause. They stop motionless at a moment, and grow into the earth. It carries all before it. There is a

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truth which overpowers the fastidious judgment. Away, then, with the studied grace of the French danseuse, beautiful but artificial, cold and selfish as is the flicker of her love, compared to the real impassioned abandon of the daughters of the South. There is nothing indecent in this dance; no one is tired or the worse for it; indeed, its only fault is its being too short, for, as Molière says, '*Un ballet ne saurait être trop long, pourvu que la morale soit bonne, et la métaphysique bien entendue.*' Notwithstanding this most profound remark, the Toledan clergy, out of mere jealousy, wished to put the Bolero down, on the pretense of immorality. The dancers were allowed in evidence to give a view to the court; when they began, the bench and bar showed symptoms of recklessness, and, at last, casting aside gowns and briefs, both joined, as if tarantula-bitten, in the irresistible capering. Verdict, for the defendant with costs."

In 1882, Emmanuel Chabrier journeyed in Spain. The result was his superb orchestral rhapsody "España." He wrote to his publisher Costellat letters descriptive of the dances he saw in the Andalusian *bailes*, where the "upper classes" were not to be seen. These letters about the authentic Spanish dances were published in the *Music Review* S. I. M. (January 15, February 15, 1909). Extracts from them are given in Georges Servières' life of Chabrier: "Two guitarists, solemn, cigarette between the lips, continue to scratch no matter what, in three time. (Only the tango is in duple time.) The cries of the woman excite the dancer, who becomes literally mad of her body" (these dancers were gypsies in Seville). Chabrier spoke of the spectators clapping their hands in 3-4 *à contretemps*, while the guitar followed peacefully its own rhythm. "As others beat time *forte* with each measure, each one beating a little at will, there was a most curious amalgamation of rhythms."

Then there are Théophile Gautier's descriptions of Spanish dancers; and in the five volumes of his theatrical criticisms, eloquent studies of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis's chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the "Escenas Andaluzas" (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for "the deeper significance of Spanish dancing" to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in "Hampa" (1898).

SYMPHONY IN E MINOR, NO. 5, "FROM THE NEW WORLD" ("Z NOVECHO SVETA"), OP. 95 ANTON DVOŘÁK

(Born at Mühlhausen (Nelahozeves) near Kralup, Bohemia, September 8, 1841; died at Prague, May 1, 1904)

Dvořák in 1892-93 was living in New York as the Director of the National Conservatory of Music. He made many sketches for this symphony. In the first of the three books used for this purpose, he noted "Morning, December 19, 1892." Fuller sketches began January 10, 1893. The slow movement was then entitled "Legenda." The Scherzo was completed January 31; the Finale, May 25, 1893. A large part of the instrumentation was done at Spillville, Iowa, where many Bohemians dwelt.

This symphony was performed for the first time, in manuscript, by the Philharmonic Society of New York on Friday afternoon, December 15, 1893. Anton Seidl conducted. Dvořák was present. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Paur conductor, on December 30 of the same year.

When this symphony was played at Berlin in 1900, Dvořák wrote to Oskar Nedbal, who conducted it: "I send you Kretzschmar's analysis of the symphony, but omit that nonsense about my having made use of 'Indian' and 'American' themes—that is a lie. I tried to write only in the spirit of those national American melodies. Take the introduction to the symphony as slowly as possible."

The symphony aroused a controversy, in which there was shedding of much ink. The controversy long ago died out, and is probably forgotten even by those who read the polemical articles at the time and expressed their own opinions. The symphony remains. It is now without associations that might prejudice. It is now enjoyed or appreciated, or possibly passed by, as music, and not as an exhibit in a case on trial.

Yet it may be good to recall the circumstances of the symphony's origin. In the feverish days of the discussion excited by the first performance of this symphony, it was stated that Mr. Krehbiel and others called the attention of Dvořák, who was then living in New York, to Negro melodies and rhythms; that the Bohemian composer then wept with joy and rushed after music paper; that he journeyed to a Western town inhabited chiefly by Bohemians, a town in Iowa, where he could find the stimulating atmosphere to write masterpieces of a truly American nature. Some may also remember that soon after the first performances of the symphony there was a distressing rumor that portions of it had been composed long before

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As the late Henry Edward Krehbiel was deeply interested in the conception and birth of the symphony, it is better to quote his words*:

"Last spring the eminent Bohemian composer published his belief that there was in the songs of the Negroes of America 'a sure foundation for a new National School of Music,' and that an intelligent cultivation of them on the part of American composers might result in the creation of an American School of Composition. His utterances created a deal of comment at that time, the bulk of which was distinguished by flippancy and a misconception of the composer's meaning and purposes. Much of the American criticism, in particular, was based on the notion that, by American music, Dr. Dvořák meant the songs of Stephen C. Foster and other contributors to old-time Negro minstrelsy, and that the school of which he dreamed was to devote itself to the writing of variations on 'The Old Folks at Home' and tunes of its class. Such a blunder, pardonable enough in the popular mind, was yet scarcely venial on the part of composers and newspaper reviewers who had had opportunities to study the methods of Dr. Dvořák in his published compositions. Neither is it creditable to them, though perhaps not quite so blameworthy, that they have so long remained indifferent to the treasures of folk-song which America contains. The origin of that folk-song has little to do with the argument, if it shall turn out that in it there are elements which appeal to the musical predilections of the American people, and are capable of utilization in compositions in the higher form. As a matter of fact, that which is most characteristic, most beautiful, and most vital in our folk-song has come from the Negro slaves of the South, partly because those slaves lived in the period of emotional, intellectual, and social development which produces folk-song, partly because they lived a life that prompted utterance in song, and partly because as a race the Negroes are musical by nature. Being musical, and living a life that had in it romantic elements of pleasure as well as suffering, they gave expression to those elements in songs, which reflect their original nature as modified by their American environment. Dr. Dvořák, to whom music is a language, was able quickly to discern the characteristics of the new idiom and to recognize its availability and value. He recognized, too, what his critics forgot, that that music is entitled to be called characteristic of a people which gives the greatest pleasure to the largest fraction of a people. It was therefore a matter of indifference to him whether the melodies which make the successful appeal were cause or effect; in either case, they were worthy of his attention.

*From a little pamphlet, "Antonín Dvořák's Quartet in F major, Op. 96" (New York, 1894).

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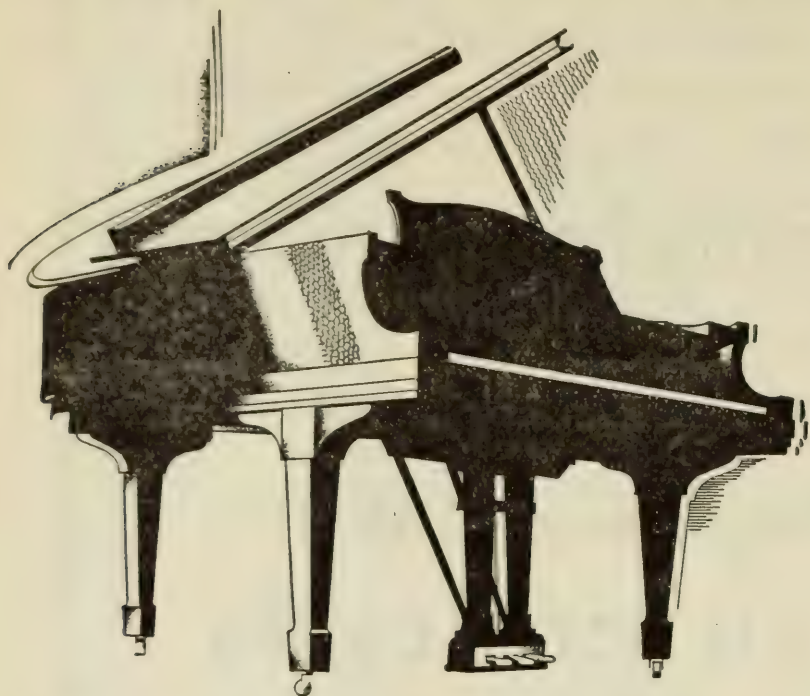
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- I. Allegro.
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- IV. Finale (Theme with Variations).

Mozart Concerto in C major, for Pianoforte and
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- I. Allegro maestoso.
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- III. Allegro vivace assai.

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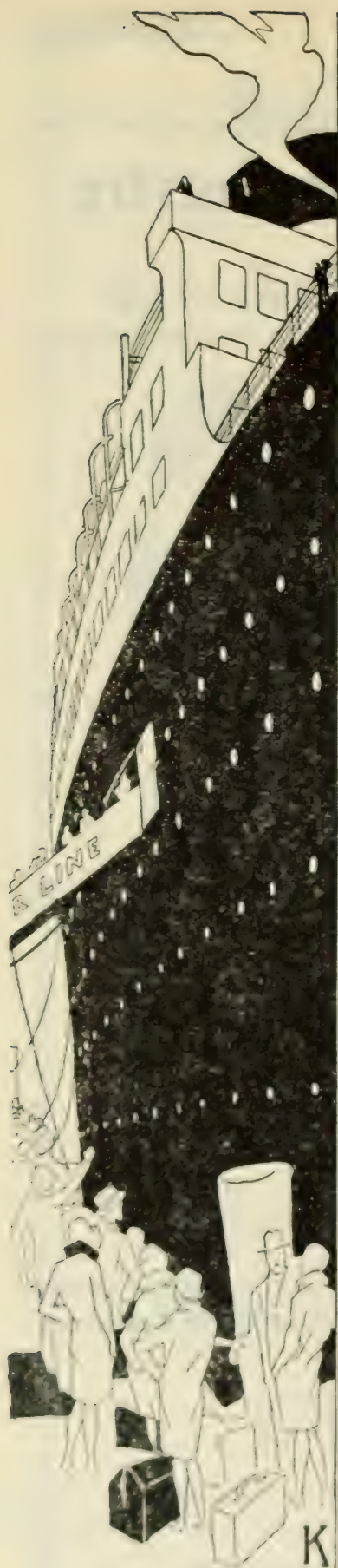
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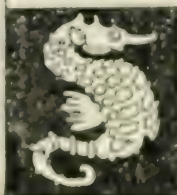
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SYMPHONY IN D MAJOR (WITH THE HORN CALL), B. & H. No. 31

JOSEPH HAYDN

(Born at Rohrau-on-the-Leitha on April 1, 1732; died at Vienna on May 31, 1809)

This symphony, composed in 1765,* is known as "Mit dem Horn-signal"; also as "Auf den Anstand."† The music has the joy of the chase. One remembers that Haydn wrote another symphony, "La Chasse" (1781), which has been performed at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He gave titles to certain symphonies; others supplied titles to some. The title often had reference to the "programme character" of the music, even though it was applicable to

*Haydn was then the second Kapellmeister in the service of Prince Nikolaus Joseph Esterhazy, who maintained an orchestra at Eisenstadt. Haydn had in 1761 filled this position under Prince Paul Anton Esterhazy, who died in 1762. Gregorius Joseph Werner was the first Kapellmeister. When he died in 1766, Haydn succeeded him and remained at Eisenstadt until 1790, when Prince Anton, the son of Paul Anton, dismissed the orchestra. Haydn then moved to Vienna. The Esterhazy orchestra numbered fifteen members when Haydn was called there. Under Nikolaus Joseph, it was increased to thirty (without singers). Haydn's first symphony was written in 1759, when he was the musical director of Count Morzin's Orchestra at Lukavec near Pilsen.

†*Anstand* meant originally "address, bearing, deportment, dignity"; then, "delay, suspension, pause"; also, "hesitation, doubt, apprehension."

In hunting it meant "a stand, a hiding-place (to lie in wait for game)." *Auf den Anstand gehen*—"to go shooting from a hiding-place," etc. This definition evidently applies to the second title of the symphony.

The German dictionary of the eighteenth century that is at hand does not give this last definition. Christian Ludwig's "Teutsch (*sic*) Englisches Lexicon" (Leipsic, 1765), contains many curious colloquial expressions, phrases, even slang terms—a most readable book of 2,370 double columns, quarto—but the hunting term is not mentioned.

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This symphony is noteworthy because the score calls for four horns. This is the first instance, it is believed, that so many horns were employed in a symphony. There are four horns for the hunters' chorus in Haydn's "*Seasons*," so that the symphony seems to some a preparatory study. The score also calls for one flute, two oboes, and the usual strings.

I. Allegro, D major, 3-4. The first theme is in two sections: first, the horn call; the second, as a distant answer. A figure is introduced at the end of this second section that was a favorite one with Mozart—as in the "*Jupiter*" Symphony. There are quieter melodic measures. The flute introduces the horns for a second theme, with succeeding measures for the strings. In the working-out section following this last subject, but inverted, comes the second theme also the earlier echoing answer. The repetition section begins with the supplementary theme, now in D minor, the "answering" section in D major; there is a passing reference to the quieter,

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more melodic measures; finally, the ending of the movement with the first section of the first theme. In Haydn's catalogue, the tempo is given as *Larghetto*, but this is probably due to some error.

II. *Adagio*, G major, 6-8. Only horns and strings are employed. The most important thematic material is in the opening solo for violin, with its ornamented melody. Horns are in dialogue with this violin and a solo violoncello. Horns at once take the beginning of the theme for the solo violin. In this movement, the horns are used in two keys, D and G. The *Adagio* has somewhat the character of a *Sicilienne*, in the accompaniment to the melody as in the melody itself.

III. *Menuet*, D major, 3-4. A sturdy movement in which all the instruments are simultaneously engaged; but in the *Trio*, D major, 3-4, there is alternate play of instruments.

IV. The *Finale*—*Molto moderato*—*Presto*, has an unusual character. The strings play a quiet theme in simple song-form. Then follow seven variations:

1. Two oboes and two horns, accompanied by strings.
2. Violoncello solo, with strings accompanying.
3. Flute solo, with strings.
4. Horn quartet, with strings. The first horn part goes to *F*-sharp.
5. Violin solo, with strings.
6. The full orchestra. The theme is not changed melodically or harmonically, but the instrumentation differs from that of the first entrance. The orchestra remains *piano* throughout the variation.
7. Violoncello solo, with strings. A short passage leads to a *Presto* in 3-4. Figures in sixteenth notes, until *A* is held in the upper voice (first violins, two horns), while a new theme enters. It is repeated in echo fashion, and then the first theme of the first movement brings the end.

Some—Deldevez among them—refer to this symphony as *Concertante* on account of the solo parts.

CONCERTO, C MAJOR (K. 467) FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

(Born at Salzburg, January 27, 1756; died at Vienna, December 5, 1791)

This concerto was composed on March 9, 1785, at Vienna. It was played by Mozart on March 12 of that year. His father heard the performance and described the beauty of the performance, how the audience applauded, many moved to tears. The orchestral accompaniment calls for flute, two oboes, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, and strings.

I. *Allegro maestoso*, C major, 4-4.

II. *Andante*, F major, 4-4.

III. *Allegro vivace*, C major, 2-4.

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About Nannette Stein's playing: "She sits opposite the treble instead of in the middle of the instrument, so that there may be greater opportunities for swaying about and making grimaces. Then she rolls up her eyes and smirks. If a passage occurs twice, it is played slower the second time; if three times, still slower. When a passage comes, up goes the arm, and, if there is to be an emphasis it must come from the arm, heavily and clumsily, not from the fingers. But the best of all is that when there comes a passage (which ought to flow like oil) in which there necessarily occurs a change of fingers, there is no need of taking care: when the time comes you stop, lift the hand and nonchalantly begin again. This helps one the better to catch a false note, and the effect is frequently curious" (1777). Nannette was then eight years old.

At Aurnhammer's: "The young woman† is a fright, but she plays ravishingly, though she lacks the true singing style in her cantabile; she is too jerky" (1781).‡

"Whenever I played for him (Richter, a pianist), he looked immovably at my fingers, and one day he said, 'My God! how I am obliged to torment myself and sweat, and yet without obtaining applause; and for you, my friend, it is mere play!' 'Yes,' said I, 'I had to labor once in order not to show labor now'" (1784).

It is much easier to play rapidly than slowly; you can drop a few notes in passages without anyone noticing it. But is it beautiful? At such speed you can use the hands indiscriminately; but is that beautiful?" (1778).

"Give me the best clavier in Europe and at the same time hearers who understand nothing or want to understand nothing, and who do not feel what I play with me, and all my joy is gone" (1778).

"The Andante is going to give us the most trouble, for it is full of expression and must be played with taste. . . . If I were her (Rose Cannabich's) regular teacher, I would lock up all her music, cover the keyboard with a handkerchief, and make her practice on nothing but passages, trills, mordents, etc., until the difficulty with the left hand was remedied."

. . .

Saint-Saëns, lover of irony and paradox, wrote a preface to his edition of Mozart's Pianoforte Sonatas, published at Paris in 1915, in which, after a discussion of the ornaments, he has this to say:

"One is accustomed in modern editions to be prodigal with *liaisons*, to indicate constantly legato, molto legato, sempre legato. There is nothing of this in the manuscripts and the old editions.

*Ignaz von Beecke (Becké) born in 1733, died in 1803, army officer, himself an excellent pianist, friend of Gluck, Jemelli, and Mozart, was a voluminous composer.

†Josepha Aurnhammer, famous pianist in her day, composer of piano pieces, married one Böslhönig of Vienna in 1796.

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"This music of Mozart during his early years is destitute of nuances; occasionally a *piano* or a *forte*; nothing more. The reason for this abstinence is because these pieces were written for the clavecin, and its sonority could not be modified by a pressure of the fingers. Clavecins with two keyboards could alternate with *forte* and *piano*, but nuances, properly speaking, were unknown to them.

"In the 18th century, one lived more quietly than to-day, nor were there in music our modern habits of speed, which is often inflicted on ancient compositions to their great injury. It is necessary to shun in the case of Mozart this tendency to hurry the movements, as too often happens. His *presto* corresponds to our *allegro*; his *allegro* to our *allegro moderato*. His adagios are extremely slow, as is shown by the multiplicity of notes sometimes contained in a single beat. The *andante* is not very slow.

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Compare with Saint-Saëns's definitions of various tempi, J.G. Walther's in his "Musikalisches Lexicon" (Leipsic, 1732):

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SYMPHONY No. 6, Op. 104 JAN SIBELIUS

(Born at Tevastehus, Finland, December 8, 1865; now living at Järvenpää, Finland)

This symphony, composed in 1923,* and dedicated to Wilhelm Stenhammer, has no key signature. The score, without date of publication or of composition, is dedicated to Dr. Wilhelm Stenhammer.† The first performance in the United States was by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Mr. Stokowski, conductor, in Philadelphia, on April 23, 1926. Mr. Lawrence Gilman, the brilliant editor of that orchestra's Programme Books, states that "the score and parts of the Sixth Symphony were sent from Stockholm to the orchestra at

*According to the biographical sketch of Sibelius in the "Dictionary of Modern Music and Musicians."

†Stenhammer, composer, pianist, conductor, born at Stockholm in 1871, died there in 1927. He studied at the Stockholm Conservatory of Music and in 1892-93 piano playing with Heinrich Barth, at Berlin. He was conductor of the Philharmonic Society, Stockholm (1897); second conductor at the Royal Theatre (1900); conductor of the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra (1907). He was a member of the Tor Aulin String Quartet. His reputation as a pianist was high throughout Europe. His chief works were "Prinsessan och Svennen," for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra (1892); the opera "Tirfing" (Stockholm, 1898); the opera "Das Fest auf Solhaug" (Stuttgart, 1899); choral works; Symphony in F major; overture, "Excelsior"; orchestral Rhapsody, "Midvinter"; four string quartets, two piano concertos, a piano sonata; many songs. In 1916, at the Jubilee of the Gothenburg High School, he was given the title "Dr. phil. h. c."



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the request of Mr. Stokowski, following the enthusiastic reception of the Fifth when it was repeated this season. Sibelius, announcing the dispatch of the score and parts, wrote as follows in a letter to Mr. Mattson, assistant manager of the orchestra: 'It will be an honor and a joy to have the first performance in America of my Sixth Symphony under Mr. Stokowski, to whom I beg you to convey my respectful and appreciative greeting.' "

Mr. Gilman called attention to the marked fondness shown by Sibelius in this symphony, as in his Seventh, for scales of various character "as the stuff of thematic structure."

I. Allegro moderato, A minor, 2-2. An introduction is for strings along without basses. A theme for flutes moves in thirds. Subsidiary themes, also in thirds, march diatonically. The dominating musical idea is in eighth notes, played by the first violins in three parts; an idea in its melodic nature, not unlike the preceding theme for flutes. This is played with for many measures until it passes into the flute theme, in which violoncellos now join. The familiar thirds are to be found in the figures in thirty-second notes for woodwind instruments; for violins and violas; in ascending and descending scale passages for the violoncellos. Arpeggio figures for woodwind usher in a section in C major. Second violins and violoncellos (with violas later) go up and down the scale against octaves, for bassoons and flutes. "A tremolo figure for the violoncellos and basses, rushing scales in unison and octaves for the woodwind and strings, and a final reminiscence of the chief theme for clarinets in thirds, against a scale fragment for the violins, end the movement, poco tranquillo. The final effect is modal, with a suggestion of the first authentic mode, the Dorian."

II. Allegretto moderato, 3-4. The movement begins with a passage in four-part harmony (flutes and bassoons), at first in D minor, but going into G minor, the tonality of the movement. The chief theme, *mp*, *espressivo*, is given to the first violins, divided, with chords for the woodwind. Ascending scales follow in the other strings. The first violins restate the chief theme. A lyrical theme in B-flat major is announced by first violins and violoncellos, but the

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III. Scherzo. Poco vivace, 6-8. The theme that begins the movement is chiefly rhythmical, for violins over a chord, D minor. The contrasting theme, more lyrical, is at first for woodwind instruments in thirds; then for violins, developing into a melody for the strings. But the agitated opening theme busies the whole orchestra. After a vigorous crescendo and a chord for the brass, the lyrical theme returns, increasing in strength, until there is a sudden ending in thirds.

Finale. Allegro molto, C major, 4-4. A heroic theme for violins, woodwind, and two horns is answered by a phrase for lower strings. The music becomes more and more agitated. And here the diatonic character found prevailing in the symphony becomes chromatic. A crescendo leads to a climax *fff*. The first theme follows now for strings alone, and the opening section is elaborated harmonically and by the instrumentation. The Coda, Doppio più lento, sums up the significant features of the symphony: the diatonic scale and the intervals of the third. There is a quiet ending in D minor.

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Anselm Hüttenbrenner went back to his home about 1820. It was during a visit to Vienna that he saw Beethoven dying. Joseph remained at Vienna. In 1860 he wrote from the office of the Minister of the Interior a singular letter to Johann Herbeck, who then conducted the concerts of the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde.

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Herbeck was inactive and silent for five years, although he visited Graz several times. Perhaps he was afraid that if the manuscript came to light, he could not gain possession of it, and the symphony, like the one in C, would be produced elsewhere than in Vienna. Perhaps he thought the price of producing one of Anselm Hüttenbrenner's works in Vienna too dear. There is reason to believe that Joseph insisted on this condition. (See "Johann Herbeck," by L. Herbeck, Vienna, 1885, page 165.)

In 1865 Herbeck was obliged to journey with his sister-in-law, who sought health. They stopped in Graz. On May 1 he went to Ober-Andritz, where the old and tired Anselm, in a hidden, little one-story cottage, was awaiting death. Herbeck sat down in a humble inn. He talked with the landlord, who told him that Anselm was in the habit of breakfasting there. While they were talking, Anselm appeared. After a few words Herbeck said, "I am here to ask permission to produce one of your works at Vienna." The old man brightened, he shed his indifference, and after breakfast took him to his home. The workroom was stuffed with yellow and dusty papers, all in confusion. Anselm showed his own manuscripts, and

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The symphony was first played at a Gesellschaft concert, Vienna, December 17, 1865, under Herbeck's direction. The programme was as follows:—

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Symphony in B minor		<i>Schubert</i>
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2. Andante		
3. Presto vivace, D major		
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Hüttenbrenner's overture was described as "respectable Kapellmeistermusik; no one can deny its smoothness of style and a certain skill in the workmanship." The composer died in 1868.

The Unfinished Symphony was played at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, in 1867. The first performance in Boston was by the Orchestral Union, led by Carl Zerrahn, February 26, 1868. The first performance at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston was on February 11, 1882, Georg Henschel, conductor. The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, three trombones, kettle-drums, strings.

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Mr. Piston studied violin playing with Messrs. Fiumara, Theodorowicz, and Winternitz in Boston; piano playing with Harris Shaw. He studied theory and composition chiefly at Harvard Uni-

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versity, but also with Nadia Boulanger* in Paris. A sonata by Mr. Piston was played in Paris by Marcel Ciampi at a concert of the S. M. I. on May 5, 1926. The programme also comprised Copland's Nocturne and Serenade for violin and piano (Samuel Dushkin and Copland); Virgil Thomson's "Sonata d'Église—Choral, Tango, Fugue for clarinet, trumpet, viola, horn, and trombone (played by Messrs. Ginot, Verney, Devény, Chaîne, and Lafosse, Chester McKee, conductor); G. H. Elwell's Nine Piano Pieces (Mr. Ciampi); Copland's "As It Fell upon a Day" (Mme. MacLeish, soprano; M. Boulze, flute; M. Verney, clarinet); a quartet by G. Antheil (Kretty Quartet); and a sonata for violin and piano by Th. Chanler (Messrs. Dushkin and Ciampi).

A "Symphonic Piece" by Mr. Piston was performed in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 23, 1928. Three pieces for flute, clarinet, and bassoon were performed by the Boston Flute Players Club on February 13, 1927 (Messrs. Laurent, Hamelin, and Laus). They were played at a concert of the Société Nationale, Paris, on May 8, 1926 (Messrs. Blanquart, Coste, and Dhérin), and in 1928 at Philadelphia by the Chamber Music Association of that city.

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For several seasons Mr. Piston was the conductor of the Pierian Sodality, Harvard University. He now teaches in the Music Department of Harvard University, and acted as chairman of the Department during Mr. Edward Burlingame Hill's absence. He has sketched a sonata for flute and piano and a quintet for wind instruments, and has in mind a string quartet.

CONCERTO IN G MAJOR, FOR PIANOFORTE, No. 4, Op. 58

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16, 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

This concerto was probably composed for the most part, and it was surely completed, in 1806, although Schindler, on advice from Ries, named 1804 as the year, and an edition of the concerto published by Breitkopf & Härtel states that the year 1805 saw the completion.

The concerto was performed by Beethoven in one of two private subscription concerts of his works given in the dwelling-house of Prince Lobkowitz, Vienna, in March 1807. The first public performance was in the Theatre an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. All the pieces were by Beethoven: the symphony described on the programme as "A symphony entitled 'Recollections of Life

*Juliette Nadia Boulanger, born at Paris on September 16, 1887, was awarded in 1904 a prize for counterpoint and a first prize for organ playing. In 1908 she took the Deuxième Second Grand Prix de Rome. On February 20, 1925, she played with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston Handel's Concerto in D minor for organ and strings, also Copland's Symphony for organ and orchestra. She now teaches the organ, harmony, counterpoint, and fugue in Paris, and the organ at the American Conservatory, Fontainebleau. The list of her compositions includes an opera, "The Dead City," written in collaboration with Raoul Pugno (libretto by d'Annunzio, based on his play), string quartet, violin and piano pieces, etc. She is a sister of Lili Boulanger (1893-1918), a gifted composer whose "Pour Les Funérailles d'un Soldat" was played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on February 20, 1925.

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in the Country,' in F major, No. 5" (*sic*); an Aria, "Ah, perfido," sung by Josephine Kilitzky*; Hymn with Latin text written in church style, with chorus and solos; Pianoforte Concerto in G major, played by Beethoven; Grand Symphony in C minor, No. 6 (*sic*); Sanctus, with Latin text written in church style (from the Mass in C major), with chorus and solos; Fantasia for pianoforte solo; Fantasia for pianoforte "into which the full orchestra enters little by little, and at the end the chorus joins in the Finale." Beethoven played the pianoforte part. The concert began at half-past six. We know nothing about the pecuniary result.

When A. W. Thayer published his catalogue on Beethoven's compositions (1865), Carl Haslinger, music publisher and composer, was in possession of autograph cadenzas written by Beethoven for this concerto. Two were for the first movement. Over one of them, which had very difficult double trills towards the end, Beethoven had written "Cadenza (ma senza cadere)." There was a cadenza for the Rondo. Haslinger died late in 1868; his publishing business passed through purchase into the house of Schlesinger (Rob. Lienau), of Berlin. Franz Kullak, the editor of the five concertos in the Steingraber edition, publishes the three cadenzas in an appendix to the Fourth Concerto, and says in a footnote that these cadenzas, which are undoubtedly Beethoven's, were not published during the life of the composer, and that the autograph manuscripts were in possession of the firm of Breitkopf & Härtel, who were the first to publish them.

The score was dedicated "humbly" by Beethoven to "His Imperial Highness, the Archduke Rudolph of Austria."

The orchestral part of the concerto is scored for flute, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, and strings.

I. Allegro moderato, G major, 4-4. The first movement, contrary to the tradition that prevailed at the time, begins with the pianoforte alone. The pianoforte announces the first four measures of the first theme, five measures if an introductory chord be counted. (These measures are to be found in a sketch-book of Beethoven which is dated 1803, but in this book they end in the tonic, and not in the dominant.) The orchestra then enters in B major, but soon returns to G major, and develops the theme, until after a short climax with a modulation a second theme appears, which is given to the first violins. There is a third theme fortissimo in G major, with a supplement for the wood-wind instruments, and still another new theme, an expressive melody in B-flat major.

*Josephine Kilitzky, born in 1790, was persuaded to sing after Anna Pauline Milder refused, in obedience to her betrothed, one Hauptmann, a jeweller, who grew angry when Beethoven called him "a stupid ass." Antonia Campl's husband was vexed because she had not been asked first, and he would not allow her to sing, though she had a beautiful voice in spite of the fact that she had seventeen children, among them four pairs of twins and a set of triplets. Josephine was badly frightened when Beethoven led her out, and could not sing a note. Röckel says a cordial was given to her behind the scenes; it was too strong, and the aria suffered in consequence. Reichardt describes her as a beautiful Bohemian with a beautiful voice. "That the beautiful child trembled more than sang was to be laid to the terrible cold; for we shivered in the boxes, although wrapped in furs and cloaks." She was later celebrated for her "dramatic colorature." Her voice was at first of only two octaves, said Ledebur, but all her tones were pure and beautiful, and later she gained upper tones. She sang from 1813 to 1831 at Berlin, and pleased in many parts, from *Fidelio* to *Aspases*, from *Dona Elvira* to *Fatime* in "*Abu Hassan*." She died, very old, in Berlin.

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II. Andante con moto, E minor, 2-4. This movement is free in form. Beethoven put a footnote in the full score to this effect: "During the whole Andante, the pianist must use the soft pedal (*una corda*) unintermittently; the sign 'Ped' refers to the occasional use of the ordinary pedal." This footnote is contradicted at one point in the score by the marking "*tre corde*" for five measures near the end of the movement. A stern and powerful recitative for strings alternates with gentle and melodic passages for the pianoforte. "The strings of the orchestra keep repeating a forbidding figure of strongly marked rhythm in staccato octaves; this figure continues at intervals in stern, unchanging forte through about half the movement and then gradually dies away. In the intervals of this harsh theme the pianoforte as it were improvises little scraps of the tenderest, sweetest harmony and melody, rising for a moment into the wildest frenzied exultation after its enemy, the orchestra, has been silenced by its soft pleading, then falling back into hushed sadness as the orchestra comes in once more with a whispered recollection of its once so cruel phrase; saying as plainly as an orchestra can say it, 'The rest is silence!'" (*William Foster Apthorp*).

III. Rondo: Vivace. The first theme, of a sunny and gay character, is announced immediately by the strings. The pianoforte follows with a variation. A short but more melodic phrase for the strings is also taken up by the pianoforte. A third theme, of a bolder character, is announced by the orchestra. The fourth theme is given to the pianoforte. The Rondo, "of a reckless, devil-may-care spirit in its jollity," is based on this thematic material. At the end the tempo becomes presto.

The first performance of the Fourth Concerto in Boston was probably by Robert Heller* at a Germania concert, February 4.

*Robert Palmer, known as Robert Heller, was born at Canterbury, England, in 1833. He studied music, and at the age of fourteen won a scholarship in the Royal Academy of Music, London. Fascinated by the performances of Robert Houdin, he dropped music to become a magician, and he came to the United States in September, 1852. Some say that he made his first appearance in New York at the Chinese Gardens as a Frenchman; others, that his first appearance was at the Museum, Albany, N.Y. He met with no success, and he then went to Washington, D.C., where he taught the piano and served as a church organist. He married one of his pupils, Miss Kieckhoffer, the daughter of a rich banker, and at once went back to magic. In New York he opened Heller's Hall, and was eminently successful. He then went to

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The Fourth Concerto has been played in Boston at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra by George W. Sumner (December 17, 1881), Carl Baermann (January 27, 1883, December 23, 1893), Mary E. Garlichs (November 29, 1884), Anna Clark-Steiniger (November 14, 1885), Rafael Joseffy (December 18, 1886), Ferruccio B. Busoni (November 14, 1891), Ernst von Dohnanyi (March 17, 1900), Otto Neitzel (December 22, 1906), Leopold Godowsky (December 14, 1912), Harold Bauer (November 28, 1914), Winifred Christie (April 27, 1917), Arthur Rubinstein (April 1, 1921); Artur Schnabel, March 30, 1923; Edouard Risler (February 22, 1924).

OVERTURE TO "LEONORE" No. 3, Op. 72 . . . LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

Beethoven's opera, "Fidelio, oder die eheliche Liebe," with text adapted freely by Joseph Sonnleithner from the French of Bouilly ("Léonore; ou L'Amour Conjugal," a "historical fact" in two acts and in prose, music by Gaveaux, Opéra-Comique, Paris, February 19, 1798), was first performed at the Theatre an der Wien, Vienna, November 20, 1805, with Anna Pauline Milder, afterwards Mme. Hauptmann, as the heroine. The other parts were taken as follows: Don Fernando, Weinkopf; Don Pizarro, Meier; Florestan, Demmer; Rocco, Rothe; Marzelline (*sic*), Miss Müller; Jacquino, Cache; Wachthauptmann, Meister. "The opera was hastily put upon the stage, and the inadequacy of the singers thus increased by the lack of sufficient rehearsals." In later years Fidelio was one of Anna Milder's great parts: "Judging from the contemporary criticism, her performance was now (1805) somewhat defective, simply from lack of stage experience."

The first performance of the opera in Boston was at the Boston Theatre on April 1, 1857, with Mmes. Johannsen and Berkiel, and Messrs. Beutler, Neumann, Oehlein, and Weinlich.

"Leonore" No. 2 was the overture played at the first performance in Vienna. The opera was withdrawn, revised, and produced again on March 29, 1806, when "Leonore" No. 3, a remodelled form of No. 2, was played as the overture.

The order of these overtures, according to the time of composition, is now supposed to be "Leonore" No. 2, "Leonore" No. 3, "Leonore" No. 1, "Fidelio." It may here be added that Beethoven wished, and for a long time insisted, that the title of his opera should be "Leonore"; and he ascribed the early failures to the substitution of the title "Fidelio."

London, opened Poole's Theatre; but came back to New York in 1875. He had given exhibitions of his skill in Australia and India. He died at Philadelphia, November 28, 1878. His name stands very high in the list of magicians. His tricks of "second sight" for a long time perplexed the most skilful of his colleagues. And he was one of the first to use electricity as a confederate. In his will he instructed his executors to destroy all his apparatus. For a long and interesting explanation of his "second sight" tricks, see "Magic," by A. A. Hopkins (Minn. & Co., New York, 1897).

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The overture "Leonore" No. 3 was first played in Boston at a concert of the Musical Fund Society on December 7, 1850. G. J. Webb was the conductor. The score and the parts were borrowed; for the programme of a concert by the Society on January 24, 1852, states that the Overture was then "presented by C. C. Perkins, Esq."

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Hansen, E. Pinfield, C.	Lauga, N. Mariotti, V.	Fedorovsky, P. Leveen, P.	Leibovici, J. Tapley, R.	
Thillois, F. Mayer, P.	Zung, M. Diamond, S.	Knudson, C. Zide, L.	Gorodetzky, L. Fiedler, B.	
Bryant, M. Murray, J.	Beale, M. Del Sordo, R.	Stonestreet, L. Erkelens, H.	Messina, S. Seiniger, S.	

VIOLAS.

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	Avierino, N. Gerhardt, S.		Deane, C. Jacob, R.	

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BASSES.

Kunze, M. Vondrak, A.	Lemaire, J. Oliver, F.	Ludwig, O. Frankel, I.	Girard, H. Dufresne, G.	Kelley, A. Demetrides, L.
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FLUTES.

Laurent, G.
Bladet, G.
Amerena, P.

OBOES.

Gillet, F.
Devergie, J.
Stanislaus, H.

CLARINETS.

Hamelin, G.
Arcieri, E.
Allegra, E.
(*E-flat Clarinet*)

BASSOONS.

Laus, A.
Allard, R.
Bettoney, F.

PICCOLO.

Battles, A.

ENGLISH HORN.

Speyer, L.

BASS CLARINET.

Mimart, P.

CONTRA-BASSOON.

Piller, B.

HORNS.

Boettcher, G.
Pogrebniak, S.
Van Den Berg, C.
Lorbeer, H.

HORNS.

Valkenier, W.
Schindler, G.
Lannoye, M.
Blot, G.

TRUMPETS.

Mager, G.
Voisin, R.
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TROMBONES.

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Rochut, J.
Hansotte, L.
Kenfield, L.
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TUBAS.

Sidow, P.
Adam, E.

HARPS.

Zighera, B.
Caughy, E.

TIMPANI.

Ritter, A.
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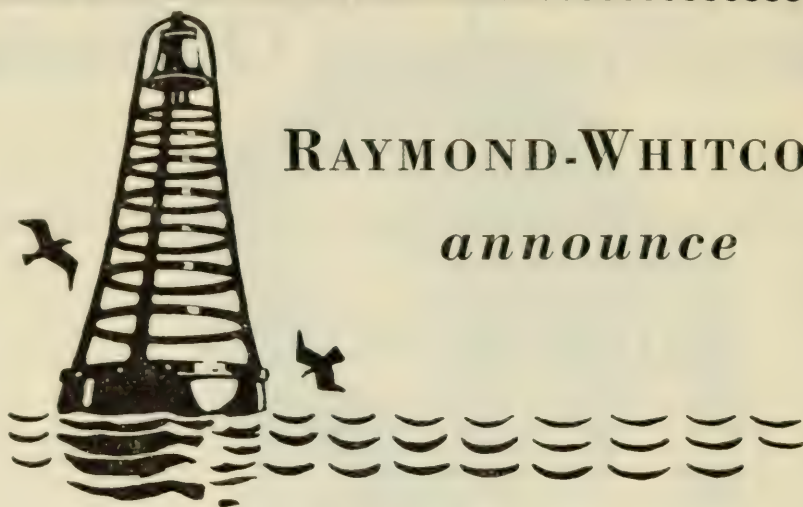
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PROGRAMME

- Beethoven Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68,
"Pastorale"
- I. Awakening of serene impressions on arriving in the country;
Allegro, ma non troppo.
- II. Scene by the brookside: Andante molto moto.
- III. Jolly gathering of country folk: Allegro; in tempo d'allegro
Thunderstorm; Tempest: Allegro.
- IV. Shepherd's Song; Gladsome and thankful feelings after the
storm: Allegretto.
- Stravinsky "Apollon Musagète" Ballet
(Apollo, Leader of the Muses)
- Scene I: Birth of Apollo.
- Scene II: Variation of Apollo (Apollo and the Muses)—Variation of Polymnia
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LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

This symphony—"Sinfonia pastorale" was composed in the country round about Heiligenstadt in the summer of 1808. It was first performed at the Theatre an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. The symphony was described on the programme as "A symphony entitled 'Recollections of Life in the Country,' in F major, No. 5" (*sic*). All the pieces performed were by Beethoven: an Aria, "Ah, perfido," sung by Josephine Kilitzky; Hymn with Latin text written in church style, with chorus and solos; Pianoforte Concerto in G major, played by Beethoven; Grand Symphony in C minor, No. 6 (*sic*); Sanctus, with Latin text written in church style from the Mass in C major, with chorus and solos; Fantasie for pianoforte solo; Fantasie for pianoforte, "into which the full orchestra enters little by little, and at the end the chorus joins in the Finale." The concert began at half-past six. We know nothing about the pecuniary result.

J. F. Reichardt wrote a review of the new works. He named, but incorrectly, the subtitles of the Pastoral Symphony, and added, "Each number was a very long, complete, developed movement full of lively painting and brilliant thoughts and figures; and this, a

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pastoral symphony, lasted much longer than a whole court concert lasts in Berlin." Of the one in C minor he simply said: "A great, highly-developed, too long symphony. A gentleman next us assured us he had noticed at the rehearsal that the violoncello part alone—and the violoncellists were kept very busy—covered thirty-four pages. It is true that the copyists here understand how to spread out their copy, as the law scribes do at home." No record of the reception by the audience of the new works has come down to us. Reichardt censured the performance of the Hymn—a Gloria—and the Sanctus, and said that the piano concerto was enormously difficult, but Beethoven played it in an astounding manner and with incredible speed. "He literally sang the Adagio, a masterpiece of beautiful, developed song, with a deep and melancholy feeling that streamed through me also." Count Wilhouski told Ferdinand Hiller that he sat alone in an orchestra stall at the performance, and that Beethoven, called out, bowed to him personally, in a half-friendly, half-ironical manner.

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In a letter to Breitkopf and Härtel, Leipsic, written on March 4, 1809, Beethoven says: "You will receive to-morrow a list of small improvements which I made during the performance of the symphonies—when I gave them to you I had not heard a note of either.

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The Pastoral was described on the programme of 1808 as follows:—

Pastoral Symphony [No. 5 (*sic*)], more expression of feeling than painting.
First Piece. Pleasant feelings which awake in man on arriving in the country.

Second. Piece. Scene by the brook.

Third Piece. Jovial assemblage of the country folk, in which appear suddenly

Fourth Piece. Thunder and storm, in which enter

Fifth Piece. Beneficial feelings, connected with thanks to the Godhead after the storm.

The headings finally chosen are on the title-page of this Programme Book. The descriptive headings were probably an afterthought. In the sketch-book, which contains sketches for the first movement, is a note: "Characteristic Symphony. The recollections of life in the country." There is also a note: "The hearer is left to find out the situations for himself."

M. Vincent d'Indy in his "Beethoven" (Paris, 1911) devotes several pages to Beethoven's love of nature. "Nature was to Beethoven not only a consoler for his sorrows and disenchantments; she was also a friend with whom he took pleasure in familiar talk, the only intercourse to which his deafness presented no obstacle." Nor did Beethoven understand Nature in the dryly theoretical manner of Jean Jacques Rousseau, whose writings then were in fashion, for there could be no point of contact between the doctrines of this Calvinist of Geneva and the effusions of Beethoven, a Catholic by birth and by education. Nor did Beethoven share the views of many romantics about Nature. He would never have called her "immense, impenetrable, and haughty," as Berlioz addressed her through the mouth of his Faust. A little nook, a meadow, a tree,—these sufficed for Beethoven. He had so penetrated the beauty of nature that for more than a dozen years all his music was impregnated by it.

His bedside book for many, many years soon after his passion for Giulietta Guicciardi was the "Lehr und Erbauungs Buch" of Sturm. Passages underscored show the truth of the assertions just made, and he copied these lines that they might always be in his sight: "Nature can be justly called the school of the heart; it shows us beyond all doubt our duty towards God and our Neighbor. I wish therefore to become a disciple of this school, and offer my heart to it. Desirous of self-instruction, I wish to search after the wisdom that no disillusion can reject; I wish to arrive at the knowledge of God, and in this knowledge I shall find a foretaste of celestial joys."

M. d'Indy draws a picture of the little *Wirthschaften* in the suburbs of the large towns, humble inns "not yet ticketed with the pompous barbarism of 'restaurant.'" They were frequented by the bourgeoisie, who breathed the fresh air and on tables of wood ate the habitual sausage and drank the traditional beer. There was a dance hall with a small orchestra; there was a discreet garden with odor-

ous alleys in which lovers could walk between the dances. Beyond was the forest where the peasant danced and sang and drank, but the songs and dances were here of a ruder nature.

Beethoven, renting a cottage at Döbling, Grinzing, or Heiligenstadt, which then were not official faubourgs, could in a few minutes be in the forest or open country. Thus influenced, he wrote the pianoforte sonatas, Op. 28 and Op. 31; the "Waldstein" sonata; the violin sonata, Op. 30, No. 3; three movements of the seventh quartet (1806); the sixth, seventh, and eighth symphonies; and the tenth sonata for violin, Op. 96; also Village Dances, the finales of Trios, Op. 70, No. 2, and Op. 97, and the pastoral entr'acte of "Egmont."

Beethoven did not attempt to reproduce the material, realistic impression of country sounds and noises, but only the spirit of the landscape.

According to M. d'Indy the Andante is the most admirable expression of true nature in musical literature. Only some passages of "Siegfried" and "Parsifal" are comparable. Conductors usually take this Andante at too slow a pace, and thus destroy the alert poetry of the section. The brook furnishes the basic movement, expressive melodies arise, and the feminine theme of the first Allegro reappears, alone, disquieted by the absence of its mate. Each section is completed by a pure and prayer-like melody. It is the artist who prays, who loves, who crowns the diverse divisions of his work by a species of Alleluia.*

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It has been said that several of the themes in this symphony were taken from Styrian and Carinthian folk-songs.†

The symphony, dedicated to Prince von Lobkowitz and Count Rasoumoffsky, is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, and strings. Two

*I have condensed and paraphrased the beautiful pages of M. d'Indy (65-74). A translation into English of his "Beethoven" has been published by the Boston Music Company.—P. H.

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trombones are added in the fourth and fifth movements and a piccolo in the fourth. The work was published in 1809.*

It may here be said that some programme-makers give five movements to this symphony. They make the thunder-storm an independent movement. Others divide the work into three movements, beginning the third with the "jolly gathering of country-folk."

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One of the earliest performances in Boston of this symphony was at a Boston Academy of Music Concert, January 15, 1842. The programme included Cherubini's overture, "Les deux Journees" (*sic*); a song, "The Stormy Petrel," by the Chevalier Neukomm and sung by Mr. Root; an oboe solo, fantasia, "Norma," played by "Signor Ribas";† and then the first two movements of the "Pastoral" Symphony ended the first part. The programme stated that the notes of quail and cuckoo are heard in the second movement. Part II. began with the last three movements of the "Pastoral," after which Mr. Wetherby sang a ballad, "When the Flowers of Hope are Fading," by Linley, and the overture to "Masaniello," by Caraffa (*sic*), ended the concert. The programme published this Macedonian appeal: "The Academy regret to be obliged to add that without increased patronage the series of concerts they were prepared to give must be discontinued, as the receipts fall far short of the expenses. The hopes entertained of a different result have induced the Academy to persevere thus far, and it will be with great reluctance that they abandon their plan." The concert were continued, certainly until February 27, 1847.‡

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Ries tells us that Beethoven often laughed at the idea of "musical painting," even in the two oratorios of Haydn, whose talent he fully appreciated, but that he often thought of a set and stated argument when he composed. He especially disclaimed any attempt at "painting" in this symphony; yet one analyst found in the music the adventures of an honest citizen of a little town—it was located in Bavaria—who took his children with him for a holiday outing. Another analyst, in a pantheistic trance, heard in the music "all the voices of Nature." William Gardiner in 1832 made a remark, a singular one for that period: "Beethoven in his 'Pastoral' Symphony has given us the warm hum of the insects by the side of the babbling brook; and as our musical enterprise enlarges, noises will be introduced into the modern orchestra that will give a new feature to our grand performances."

Ambros wrote in "The Boundaries of Music and Poetry": "After

* Beethoven in June, 1808, offered this symphony and the one in E minor, with the Mass in C and the violoncello sonata, A major, Op. 69, to Breitkopf and Härtel for 900 florins. This sum, however, "must be paid, according to Vienna Currency, in convention coin, and this must be expressly stated on the draft."

† Antoine L. De Ribas, born at Madrid on January 12, 1814, died in Boston on January 28, 1907. A distinguished virtuoso, he made his first appearance in London in 1827; in New York in 1839. He was the first oboe when the Boston Symphony Orchestra was established in 1881. His associate at the oboe desk was Paul Fischer.

‡ The first performance in London was at a concert for the benefit of Mme. Vaughan, on May 27, 1811. Other first performances: Paris, March 15, 1829; Paris Conservatory; Leningrad, March 1, 1833; Spain—Barcelona, in 1866.

all, the very superscriptions 'Sinfonia eroica,' 'Sinfonia pastorale,' point to a profound individuality of the art work, which is by no means deducible from the mere play of the tones with forms. It has as yet not occurred to anybody to find the 'Heroic' symphony not heroic and the 'Pastoral' symphony not pastoral; but it surely would have called forth contradictions on all sides if the title-pages of both works had been accidentally interchanged. He that denies any other content of music than mere tone-forms set in motion has no right whatever to join in this contradiction."

But Hanslick questioned the propriety of the title "Heroic." Rubinstein argued at length against the title. He expressed himself in favor of the programme "to be divined"; against the programme determined in advance: "I believe that a composer puts into his work a certain disposition of his soul, a programme, but with the firm belief that the performer and the hearer will know how to understand it. He often gives to his work a general title as an indication; that is all that is necessary, for no one can pretend to express by speech all the details of a thought. I do not understand programme-music as a deliberate imitation, with the aid of sounds, of certain things or certain events. Such imitation is admissible only in the naïve and the comic. The 'Pastorale' in Western music is a characteristic expression of simple country life, jolly, awkward, rather rude; and this is expressed by a fifth held on the tonic of the bass. The imitation in music of natural phenomena, as storm, thunder, lightning, etc., is precisely one of the naïvetés of which I have spoken, and yet is admitted into art, as the imitation of a cuckoo, the twittering of birds, etc. Beethoven's symphony, with the exception of these imitations, portrays only the mood of the villager and of Nature; and this is why it is programme music in the most logical acceptance of the term."

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This music, scored for strings only, was first heard at Elizabeth Coolidge's Chamber Music Festival in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., on April 27, 1928. It was then performed by Adolph Bolm and his associates Mmes. Reiman, Holmes, and Page.

The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor, on October 12, 1928.

Serge Diaghilev's Ballet Russe brought out the work in Paris at the Sara Bernhardt Theatre in June, 1928. Serge Lifar mimed Apollo; Mmes. Alice Nikitina, Terpsichore; Lubov Tchernicheva, Calliope; Felia Doubrovskaya, Polymnia. The choreography was by George Balanchin. Stravinsky conductor "Apollon Musagète," also the ballet "Ode"* by Nicolas Nabokov.

Scene I: Birth of Apollo.

Scene II: Variation of Apollo (Apollo and the Muses)—Variation of Polymnia—Variation of Terpsichore—Variation of Apollo—Apollo and Terpsichore—Coda (Apollo and the Muses)—Apotheosis.

"Apollo Musagetes," with the same dancers and conductor, was produced in London at His Majesty's Theatre on June 25, 1928. The other compositions were "Cimariosiana," conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent, and "The Fire Bird," conducted by Stravinsky.

The Paris correspondent of the *London Times* wrote for the issue of June 22 this article concerning the production at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre:

"A new work by Stravinsky is inevitably an event of some importance in the world of music, but the developments of his style are perhaps awaited and discussed with greater interest in Paris than in any other capital. The interest of 'Apollo Musagetes' certainly lies primarily in the music, though with the attention half distracted by the color and movement of the stage it is difficult to appreciate fully the beauties of the score.

"'Apollo Musagetes' has no story and is little more than a series of 'divertissements' dealing with the birth of the god and his inspiration of the Muses. It is dancing rather than action or symbolic significance which counts in 'Apollo.' The choreography by M. Balanchin is founded no doubt on the steps and movements of the classic school, and, while presenting new elements of striking originality and beauty, avoids the grotesque attitudes which have marked the productions of recent years. M. Lifar is the Etruscan Apollo of Veii come to life. From the moment when he emerges from the rock upon which his mother Leto is sitting until the chariot descends from the sky to carry him and the Muses to their new home upon Parnassus, he maintains the lines and gestures of archaic sculpture. Compared with the god, the Muses Terpsichore, Calliope, and Polymnia seem strangely nineteenth-century in their formal ballet skirts and tight mauve bodices, but the contrast is not unpleasant, and Mmes. Nikitina, Tchernicheva, and

*This "Ode" is written to the verses of an eighteenth century poet. The verses celebrate the glory of God as represented in an aurora borealis.

Doubrovska convey with their accustomed grace and beauty the special attributes of each."

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Mr. Bonavia, in the *Daily Telegraph*, wrote of the production of "Apollo" in London:

"That it marks a return to classical tendencies is perhaps an exaggerated way of saying that it consists of clear and less sophisticated music than one would have expected from the composer of 'The Nightingale.'

"There is no plot, but a programme, which for ballet purposes serves probably even better.

"We assist at the very birth of the god; we see him received by two goddesses, who offer him nectar and ambrosia; he grows before our eyes, he moves his limbs tentatively at first, then with ever greater confidence he leaps, till we feel sure that this young god was destined from the first to fall under the notice of M. Diaghilev.

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"It is difficult to say what a man who can adopt or divest himself of a style as easily as we put on or take off a garment will do next. Perhaps he only chose to be transparent because Apollo was the god of light and the enemy of darkness. But this new style suits the ballet admirably; it is ballet music par excellence, and must have given a free hand to the choreographer, M. G. Balanchin, whose ideas were most admirably carried out."



The following interesting article by W. H. Haddon Squire was published in the *Christian Science Monitor* of July 14, 1928:

"Stravinsky has spoilt his public. He began a meteoric career by letting off 'fireworks,' and no other contemporary composer has given his admirers so much that may be truly described as sensational. In fact, audiences and critics alike now positively demand that everything he does must startle and dazzle them. They feel cheated if on every occasion the giant does not, in the words of the ancient metaphor, 'Ossa on Olympus heave, on Ossa roll Pelion with all his woods; so scale the starry pole.' They would make the giant their slave.

"Dazzlement and glitter are completely absent from the latest Stravinsky ballet, 'Apollo Musagetes.' Instead, we are confronted both on the stage and in the orchestra, with an economy and simplicity that perhaps only the sophisticated will not find puzzling and mistake for bareness or emptiness. Artistically, 'Apollo Musagetes' is the very negation of those ideals which for more than a century have dominated middle Europe and which can be observed running to seed in Strauss's ballet 'The Legend of Joseph.'

"Twenty years have passed since Gordon Craig wrote '. . . in going through the stage-door of the theatre, I saw there the following words, "Sprechen streng verboten," which means "Speaking Strictly Forbidden." The first moment I thought I was in heaven. I thought, "At last they have discovered the Art of the Theatre." . . .' And happily, in the art-form of ballet, unlike in that of opera, speaking is strictly forbidden. Apollo Musagetes and his Muses and goddesses do not demean themselves by the utterance of our common tongue.

"Their eloquence is music made visible in movement—a language more fitting for gods and goddesses, Apollo Musagetes, and his Muses; and we were left in no doubt that on this occasion Terpsichore was of the three his favorite Muse, as obviously she was also of her brilliant choreographer—George Balanchin—to say nothing of the composer himself.

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PRELUDE AND "LOVE-DEATH" FROM "TRISTAN AND ISOLDE"

RICHARD WAGNER

(Born at Leipsic, May 22, 1813; died at Venice, February 13, 1883)

The subject of "Tristan und Isolde" was first mentioned by Wagner in a letter to Liszt in the latter part of 1854; the poem was written at Zürich in the summer of 1857, and finished in September of that year. The composition of the first act was completed at Zürich, December 31, 1857 (some say, but only in the sketch); the second act was completed at Venice in March, 1859; the third act at Lucerne in August, 1859.

This "action" in three parts was performed for the first time at the Royal Court Theatre, Munich, June 10, 1865.* The first performance in America was at the Metropolitan, New York, December 1, 1886.†

The first performance in Boston was at the Boston Theatre, April 1, 1895.‡

The Prelude and the Love-Death were performed in concerts before the production of the opera at Munich. The Prelude was played for the first time at Prague, March 12, 1859, and Bülow, who conducted, composed a close for concert purposes. It was stated on the programme that the Prelude was performed "through the favor of the composer." The Prelude was also played at Leipsic, June 1, 1859. Yet, when Johann Herbeck asked later in the year permission to perform it in Vienna, Wagner wrote him from Paris that the performance at Leipsic was against his wish, and that, as soon as Herbeck knew the piece, he would understand why Wagner considered it unsuitable for concert purposes. And then Wagner put the Prelude on the programme of his concert given in Paris, January 25, 1860, and arranged the ending.

Wagner himself frequently conducted the Prelude and Love-Death, arranged by him for orchestra alone, in the concerts given by him in 1863. At those given in Carlsruhe and Löwenberg the programme characterized the Prelude as "Liebestod" and the latter section, now known as "Liebestod," as "Verklärung" ("Transfiguration").

The Prelude, *Langsam und schmachtend* (slow and languishingly), in A minor, 6-8, is a gradual and long-continued crescendo

*Tristan, Ludwig Schnorr von Carolsfeld; Kurvenal, Mitterwurzer; Melot, Heinrich; Marke, Zuttmayer; Isolde, Mme. Schnorr von Carolsfeld; Brangäne, Miss Delnet. Hans von Bülow conducted.

†Tristan, Albert Nemann; Kurvenal, Adolf Robinson; Melot, Rudolph von Milder; Marke, Emil Fischer; Isolde, Lilli Lehmann; Brangäne, Marianne Brandt; Ein Hirt, Otto Kemnitz; Steuermann, Emil Sänger; Seemann, Max Alvary. Anton Seidl conducted.

‡Tristan, Max Alvary; Kurvenal, Franz Schwartz; Melot, James F. Thomson; Marke, Emil Fischer; Seemann, Mr. Zdanov; Isolde, Rosa Sucher; Brangäne, Marie Brema. Walter Damrosch conducted.

to a most sonorous fortissimo; a shorter decrescendo leads back to pianissimo. It is free in form and of continuous development. There are two chief themes: the first phrase, sung by violoncellos, is combined in the third measure with a phrase ascending chromatically and given to the oboes.

These phrases form a theme known as the Love Potion motive, or the motive of Longing; for passionate commentators are not yet agreed about the terminology. The second theme, again sung by the violoncellos, a voluptuous theme, is entitled Tristan's Love Glance.

The Prelude is scored for three flutes (one interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, and the usual strings.

The first performance in Boston of the Prelude and Love-Death (orchestral) was at Theodore Thomas's concert of December 6, 1871.

Wagner wrote this explanatory programme:

"A primitive old love poem,* which, far from having become extinct, is constantly fashioning itself anew, and has been adopted by every European language of the Middle Ages, tells us of Tristan and Isolde. Tristan, the faithful vassal, woos for his king her for whom he dares not avow his own love, Isolde. Isolde, powerless to do otherwise than obey the wooer, follows him as bride to his lord. Jealous of this infringement of her rights, the Goddess of Love takes her revenge. As the result of a happy mistake, she allows the couple to taste of the love potion which, in accordance with the custom of the times, and by way of precaution, the mother had prepared for the husband who should marry her daughter from political motives, and which, by the burning desire which suddenly inflames them after tasting it, opens their eyes to the truth, and leads to the avowal that for the future they belong only to each other. Henceforth, there is no end to the longings, the demands, the joys and woes of love.. The world, power, fame, splendor, honor, knighthood, fidelity, friendship, all are dissipated like an empty dream. One thing only remains; longing, longing, insatiable longing, forever springing up anew, pinning and thirsting. Death, which means passing away, perishing, never awakening, their only deliverance. . . . Powerless, the heart sinks back to languish in longing, in longing without attaining; for each attainment only begets new longing, until in the last stage of weariness the foreboding of the highest joy of dying, of no longer existing, of the last escape into that wonderful kingdom from which we are furthest off when we are most strenuously striving to enter therein. Shall we call it death? Or is it the hidden wonder-world, from out of which an ivy and vine, entwined with each other, grew up upon Tristan's and Isolde's grave, as the legend tells us?"

*The story was known to poets long ago; to the Norman minstrel, Berould, somewhere in the middle of the twelfth century; to the German Eilhard von Oberg a little later; to English writers in the thirteenth century.—Ed.

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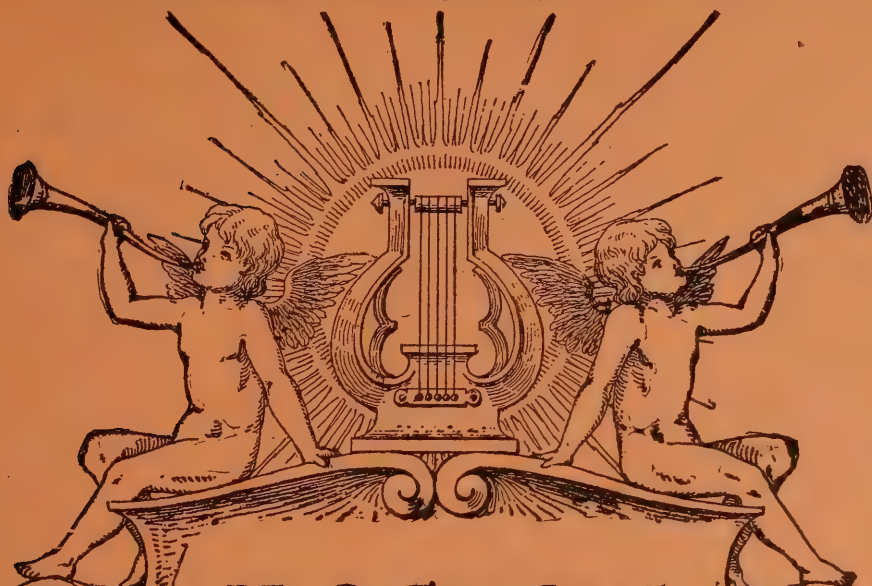
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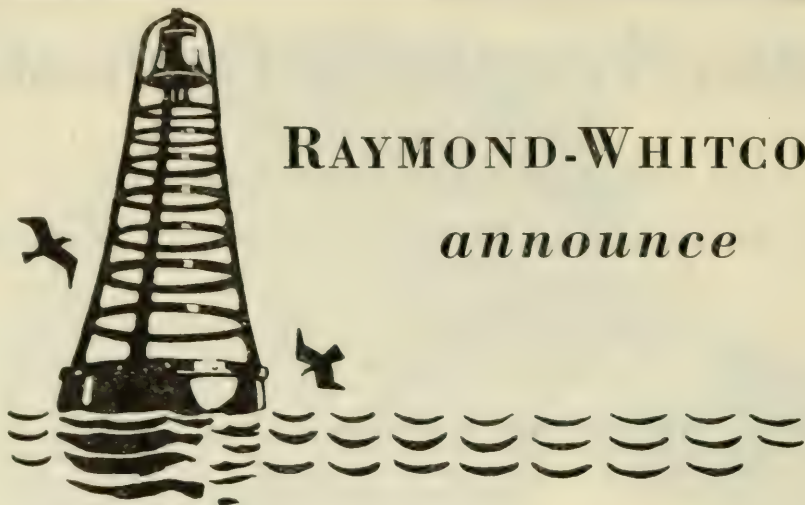
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"Oberon; or, the Elf-King's Oath," a romantic opera in three acts, book by James Robinson Planché, music by Carl Maria von Weber, was first performed at Covent Garden, London, on April 12, 1826. Weber conducted. The cast was as follows: Rezia, Mary Anne Paton; Mermaid, Mary Anne Goward; Fatima, Mme. Vestris; Puck, Harriet Cawse; Huon, John Braham; Oberon, Mr. Gownell; Scherasmin, acted by Mr. Fawcett, "but a bass singer, named Isaacs, was lugged in head and shoulders to eke out the charming quatuor, 'Over the Dark Blue Waters.' "

The first performance in Boston was in Music Hall by the Parepa-Rosa Company, May 23, 1870.*

Weber received for the opera £500. William Thomas Parke, the first oboist of Covent Garden at the time of the production, wrote in his entertaining "Musical Memoirs": "The music of this opera is a refined, scientific and characteristic composition and the overture is

*The cast was as follows: Rezia, Mme. Parepa-Rosa; Fatima, Mrs. E. Seguin; Puck, Miss Geraldine Warden; Sir Huon, William Castle; Scherasmin, A. Laurence (*sic*); Oberon, G. F. Hall; Mermaid, Miss Isaacson (?). Carl Rosa conducted. A song "Where Love is, there is Home," arranged by Howard Glover, from a theme in one of Weber's pianoforte sonatas, was introduced. The audience was not large, and it was cool.

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The story of the opera was founded by Planché on Wieland's "Oberon," which in turn was derived from an old French romance, "Huon of Bordeaux." Oberon and Titania have vowed never to be reconciled until they find lovers faithful in adversity. Puck resolves to serve Oberon, his master, by bringing together Huon and Rezia. Huon has been ordered by Charlemagne to kill the favorite at Baghdad and to wed the Caliph's daughter, Rezia. The lovers, having met, in a vision, are in love. At Baghdad, Huon being sent there because he had slain a son of Charlemagne, kills Babekan, betrothed to Rezia, and escapes with her, by the aid of a magic horn given to him and blown by Scherasmin, Huon's shield-bearer. The horn compels the Caliph's court to dance. Oberon appears and makes the lovers swear to be faithful in spite of all temptation. They are shipwrecked. Rezia is captured by pirates; Huon is wounded. The Emir Tunis has Rezia in his harem; his wife Roschana is enamored of Huon. The Emir orders the wife and Huon to be burned; but again the magic horn is blown. Oberon, reconciled to Titania, brings the lovers to Charlemagne's court, where they are welcomed with pomp and ceremony.

There is another pair of lovers in the opera: Scherasmin and Rezia's Arabian maid, Fatima.

The overture, scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, kettledrums, strings, begins with an introduction (*Adagio sostenuto ed il tutto pianissimo possibile*, D major, 4-4). The horn of Oberon is answered by muted strings. The figure for flutes and clarinets is taken from the first scene of the opera (Oberon's palace; introduction and chorus of elfs). After a *pianissimo* little march, there is a short dreamy passage for strings, which ends in the violas. There is a full orchestral crashing chord, and the main body of the overture begins (*Allegro con fuoco*

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in D major, 4-4). The brilliant opening measures are taken from the accompaniment figure of the quartet, "Over the Dark Blue Waters," sung by Rezia, Fatima, Huon, Scherasmin (act ii., scene x.). The horn of Oberon is heard again; it is answered by the skipping fairy figure. The second theme (A major, sung first by the clarinet, then by the first violins) is taken from the first measures of the second part of Huon's air (act i., No. 5). And then a theme taken from the peroration, *presto con fuoco*, of Rezia's air "Ocean! Thou mighty monster" (act ii., No. 13), is given as a conclusion to the violins. This theme ends the first part of the overture. The free fantasia begins with soft repeated chords in bassoons, horns, drums, basses. The first theme is worked out in short periods; a new theme is introduced and treated in fugato against a running contrapuntal counter-theme in the strings. The second theme is treated, but not elaborately; and then the Rezia motive brings the spirited end.

At the first performance of the opera the overture was repeated.

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Weber was asked by Charles Kemble in 1824 to write an opera for the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden. Weber chose "Oberon" for the subject. Planché was selected to furnish the libretto. In a letter to him, Weber wrote that the fashion of it was foreign to his ideas: "The intermixing of so many principal actors who do not sing—the omission of the music in the most important moments—all these things deprive our 'Oberon' of the title of an opera, and will make him (*sic*) unfit for all other theatres in Europe, which is a very bad thing for me, but—*passons là-dessous*."

Weber, a sick and discouraged man, buckled himself to the task of learning English, that he might know the exact meaning of the text. He therefore took one hundred and fifty-three lessons of an Englishman named Carey, and studied diligently, anxiously. Planché sent the libretto to Dresden an act at a time. Weber made his first sketch on January 23, 1825. The autograph score contains this note at the end of the overture: "Finished April 9, 1826, in the morning, at a quarter of twelve, and with it the whole opera. *Soli Deo Gloria! ! !* C. M. V. Weber." This entry was made at London. Weber received for the opera £500. He was so feeble that he could scarcely stand without support, but he rehearsed and directed the performance seated at the piano. He died of consumption about two months after the production.

Planché gives a lively account of the genesis and production of "Oberon."* He describes the London public as unmusical. "A dramatic situation in music was 'caviare to the general,' and inevitably received with cries of 'Cut it short!' from the gallery, and obstinate coughing or other significant signs of impatience from the pit. Nothing but the Huntsmen's Chorus and the *diablerie* in 'Der Freischütz' saved that fine work from immediate condemnation in England; and I remember perfectly well the exquisite melodies in it being compared by English Musical critics to 'wind through a keyhole!'† . . . None of our actors could sing, and but one singer could act, Madame Vestris, who made a

* "Recollections and Reflections," by J. R. Planché, Vol. I, pp. 74-86 (London, 1872).

† Planché cites a writer in the *Quarterly Musical Magazine and Review* for June, 1875: "Nearly all that was not irresistibly ridiculous was supremely dull."

charming Fatima. . . . My great object was to land Weber safe amidst an unmusical public, and I therefore wrote a melodrama with songs, instead of an opera such as would be required at the present day.”*

The first performance in Germany of “Oberon” in “its original shape” was at Leipsic, December 23, 1826.

“LILACS,” POEM FOR ORCHESTRA, OP. 33 (after Amy Lowell)

EDWARD BURLINGAME HILL

(Born in Cambridge, Mass., September 9, 1872; now living there)

“Lilacs” was performed for the first time at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston on April 1, 1927. Mr. Hill contributed the following notes to the Orchestra’s programme back of that date:

“Long an admirer of Miss Lowell’s poetry, it one day struck me forcibly that ‘Lilacs’† was an excellent ‘subject’ for musical treatment by one of New England ancestry. On reflection, I soon saw the impracticability of attempting to follow the poem in detail, and the present work is the result of impressions connected with portions of the poem, chiefly the beginning and the end.

“After a brief introduction, the principal theme is heard in the woodwind, later in the strings, and at last in the full orchestra. From this grows a contrasting episode, after which the material of the first part returns with a varied development and closes with a reference to the introduction.

“‘Lilacs’ is scored for three flutes (third interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, English horn, two clarinets in B-flat, bass clarinet in B-flat, two bassoons, contrabassoon, six horns, three trumpets, three trombones and tuba, kettledrums, triangle, cymbals, bass-drum, celesta, harp, piano, and the usual strings. The score is inscribed *In Memoriam A. L.*”

*There was a performance in London with German text by Th. Hell in 1841 (Rezia, Mme. Heinefitter; Huon, Haizinger; in Italian, on July 3, 1860 (Rezia, Mme. Tietjens; Fatima, Mme. Alboni). Benedict furnished recitatives, partly his own, partly from other works of Weber’s.

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Lilacs,
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White,
Purple,
Colour of lilac,
Your great puffs of flowers
Are everywhere in this my New England.
Among your heart-shaped leaves,
Orange orioles hop like music-box birds and sing
Their little weak, soft songs;
In the crooks of your branches,
The bright eyes of song sparrows sitting on spotted eggs,
Peer restlessly through the light and shadow
Of all springs.
Lilacs in door-yards
Holding quiet conversations with an early moon:
Lilacs watching a deserted house
Settling sideways into the grass of an old road:
Lilacs, wind-beaten, staggering under a lopsided shock of bloom
Above a cellar dug into a hill.
You are everywhere.

Lilacs,
False blue,
White,
Purple,
Colour of lilac
Heart leaves of lilac all over New England,
Roots of lilac under all the soil of New England;
Lilac in me because I am New England,
Because my roots are in it.
Because my leaves are of it,
Because my flowers are for it;
Because it is my country
And I speak to it of itself,
And sing of it with my own voice
Since certainly it is mine.

RAPSODIE ESPAGNOLE JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure, Basses-Pyrénées, March 7, 1875; at home at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

The "Rapsodie Espagnole," dedicated to "Mon cher Maître, Charles de Bériot," was completed in 1907 and published in the following year. It was performed for the first time at a Colonne concert in Paris, March 15, 1908. The Rhapsody was enthusiastically received; the second movement was repeated. The enthusiasm was manifested chiefly in the gallery, where some perfervid student shouted to the conductor after the malagueña had been repeated: "Play it once more for those downstairs who have not understood it." At the end of the Rhapsody the same person shouted to the occupants of subscribers' seats: "If it had been something by Wagner you would have found it very beautiful."

The first performance of the Rhapsody in Boston was by the Boston Orchestral Club on January 26, 1910. Ravel conducted it when he was guest conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on January 13, 14, 1928. Mr. Longy conducted.

The Rhapsody was performed by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra

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in Chicago on November 12, 13, 1909. The first performance by the Boston Symphony Orchestra was on November 21, 1914. Ravel conducted it when he was guest conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on January 13, 14, 1928.

The Rhapsody is scored for two piccolos, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, sarrusophone, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, a set of four kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, side drum, triangle, tambourine, gong, xylophone, celesta, two harps, and the usual strings.

It is really a suite in four movements: *Prélude à la Nuit*, *Malagueña*, *Habanera*, *Feria*.

I. *Prélude à la Nuit*. Très modéré, A minor, 3-4. The movement as a whole is based on a figure given at the beginning to muted violins and violas. The clarinets have a short subject, and this is repeated at the end by solo strings. Cadenzas, now for two clarinets and now for two bassoons, interrupt the movement. The cadenza for bassoons is accompanied by arpeggios in harmonics for a solo violin and trills for three other violins. The movement ends with a chord in harmonics for divided violoncellos and double-basses. The second movement follows immediately.

II. *Malagueña*. Assez vif, A minor, 3-4. The *Malagueña*, with the *Rodeña*, is classed with the *Fandango*: "A Spanish dance in 3-8 time, of moderate movement (*allegretto*), with accompaniment of guitar and castanets. It is performed between rhymed verses, during the singing of which the dance stops". The castanet rhythm may be described as on a scheme of two measures, 3-8 time; the first of each couple of measures consisting of an eighth, four thirty-seconds, and an eighth; and the second, of four thirty-seconds and two eighths. The word itself is applied to a popular air characteristic of Malaga, but Richard Ford described the women of Malaga, "*las Malagueñas*," as "very bewitching." Mrs. Grove says the dance shares with the *Fandango* the rank of the principal dance of Andalusia. "It is sometimes called the *Flamenco*, a term which in Spain signifies gay and lively when applied to song or dance. It is said to have originated with the Spanish occupation of Flanders. Spanish soldiers who had

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been quartered in the Netherlands were styled Flamencos. When they returned to their native land, it was usually with a full purse; generous entertainment and jollity followed as a matter of course."

In Ravel's *Malagueña* there is at the beginning a figure for the double-basses repeated as though it were a ground bass. The key changes to D major, and there is a new musical thought expressed by muted trumpet accompanied by the tambourine and pizzicato chords. After a climax there is a pause. The English horn has a solo in recitative. The rhythmic figure of the opening movement is suggested by the celesta and solo strings. The figure in the basses returns with chromatic figures for flutes and clarinets.

III. *Habanera*. *Assez lent et d'un rythme las*, 2-4. Ravel wrote in 1895 a *Habanera* for two pianofortes, four hands. This was utilized in the composition of the *Habanera* in the *Rhapsody*. The chief subject enters in the wood-wind after a short introduction in which the clarinet has an important syncopated figure. The solo viola continues the theme; the strings repeat the opening section. To wood-wind instruments and the first harp is given a new idea rhythmized by the tambourine, while the strings are busied with the syncopated figure. This theme is worked out till nearly the end, which is brought by harmonics for the harp, with the syncopated rhythm in the first violins and at last for the celesta.

Few histories or encyclopædias of the dance mention the *Habanera*. Mr. H. V. Hamilton contributed the article about this dance to *Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians* (Revised Edition). He says that it is a Spanish song and dance of an older origin than its name implies; that it was introduced into Cuba by negroes from Africa, and from Cuba went to Spain. "It is sometimes called '*contradanza criolla*' (Creole country-dance). . . . An *Habanera* usually consists of a short introduction and two parts of eight or sixteen bars, of which the second, should the first be in a minor key, will be in the major, and will answer the purpose of a refrain; but these rules are by no means strictly adhered to. There are many forms of the melody, a marked feature being that two triplets of semiquavers, or one such triplet and two semiquavers, are often written against the figure which occupies one whole bar in the bass of the above example." (This example is given in notation.) "The performers opposite to each other, one of either sex, generally dance to the introduction, and accompany their singing of several '*copias*' (stanzas) with gestures, and the whole of the music is repeated for the final dance, which is slow and stately, and of a decidedly Oriental character, the feet being scarcely lifted from the ground (though an occasional pirouette is sometimes introduced), while the most voluptuous movements of the arms, hips, head, and eyes are employed to lure and fascinate each other—and the spectator. The dance, if well done, can be extremely graceful."

"*La Habenera*," a lyric drama in three acts, libretto and music by Raoul Laparra, was produced at the *Opéra-Comique*, Paris, on February 26, 1908. The chief singers were Salignac, Pedro; Séveilhac, Ramon; Mlle. Demellier, La Pilar; Vieuille, Un Vieux. Ruhlmann conducted the first performance in the United States at the Boston Opera House on December 14, 1910: Robert Lassalle, Pedro; Ramon Blanchart, Ramon; Fely Dereyne, La Pilar; José Mardones Un Vieux. André Caplet conducted. Later performances were on December 23, 1910; and on March 22, 25, 1912, when the chief singers were Mme. Gay and Messrs. De Potter and Riddez. Aubert's "*Habanera*" for orchestra (Paris, 1919) was played in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 19, 1923, and April 29, 1927.

IV. *Feria* ("The Fair"). *Assez animé*, C major, 6-8. The movement is in three parts: The first is based on two musical ideas—the first two measures for flute; the second by muted trumpets rhythmized by a tambourine; later, oboes and English horn, rhythmized by xylophone; then full orchestra *ff*. The second opens with a solo for the English horn. The solo is continued by the clarinet. The material of the third section is that of the opening part of the movement.

SYMPHONY NO. 2, IN D MAJOR, OP. 73 JOHANNES BRAHMS

(Born at Hamburg, May 7, 1833; died at Vienna, April 3, 1897)

Chamber music, choral works, pianoforte pieces, and songs had made Brahms famous before he allowed his first symphony to be played. The symphony in C minor was performed for the first time at Carlsruhe on November 4, 1876, from manuscript with Dessoff as conductor. Kirchner wrote in a letter to Marie Lipsius that he had talked about this symphony in 1863 or 1864 with Mme. Clara Schumann, who then showed him fragments of it. No one knew, it is said, of the existence of a second symphony before it was completed.

The second symphony, D major, was composed, probably at Pörtschach-am-See, in the summer of 1877, the year that saw the publication of the first. Brahms wrote Dr. Billroth in September of that year: "I do not know whether I have a pretty symphony; I must inquire of skilled persons." He referred to Clara Schumann, Dessoff, and Ernst Frank. On September 19, Mme. Schumann wrote that he had written out the first movement. Early in October he played it to her, also a portion of the finale. The symphony was played by Brahms and Ignaz Brüll as a pianoforte duet (arranged by the composer) to invited guests at the pianoforte house of his friend Ehrbar in Vienna a few days before the announced date of the orchestral performance, December 11, 1877. Through force of circumstances the symphony was played for the first time in public at the succeeding Philharmonic concert of December 30.* Hans Richter conducted. The second performance, conducted by Brahms, was at the Gewandhaus, Leipsic, on January 10, 1878.

*Reimann, in his *Life of Brahms*, gives January 10, 1878, as the date, and says Brahms conducted. The date given in Erb's "*Brahms*" is December 24, 1877. Kalbeck, Deiters, and Miss May give December 30, 1877, although contemporaneous journals, as the *Signale*, say December 20, 1877.



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The review written by Eduard Hanslick after the performance at Vienna may reassure those who are unwilling to trust their own judgment:

"It is well known that Wagner and his followers go so far as not only to deny the possibility of anything new in the symphonic form,—i.e., new after Beethoven,—but they reject the very right of absolute instrumental music to exist. The symphony, they saw, is now superfluous since Wagner has transplanted it into the opera: only Liszt's symphonic poems in one movement and with a determined practical programme have, in the contemplation of the modern musical world, any vitality. Now if such absurd theories, which are framed solely for Wagner-Liszt household use, again need refutation, there can be no more complete and brilliant refutation than the long row of Brahms's instrumental works, and especially this second symphony.

"The character of this symphony may be described concisely as peaceful, tender, but not effeminate; serenity, which on the one side is quickened to joyous humor and on the other is deepened to meditative seriousness. The first movement begins immediately with a mellow and dusky horn theme. It has something of the character of the serenade, and this impression is strengthened still further in the scherzo and the finale. The first movement, an *Allegro moderato*, in 3-4, immerses us in a clear wave of melody, upon which we rest, swayed, refreshed, undisturbed by two slight Mendelssohnian reminiscences which emerge before us. The last fifty measures of this movement expire in flashes of new melodic beauty. A broad singing *Adagio* in B major follows, which, as it appears to me, is more conspicuous for the skilful development of the themes than for the worth of the themes themselves. For this reason, undoubtedly, it makes a less profound impression upon the public than do the other movements. The scherzo is thoroughly delightful in its graceful movement in minuet tempo. It is twice interrupted by a *Presto* in 2-4, which flashes, spark-like, for a moment. The finale in D, 4-4, more vivacious, but always agreeable in its golden serenity, is widely removed from the stormy finales of the modern school. Mozartian blood flows in its veins.

"This symphony is a contrast rather than a companion to the first motives which, however, slumber there as flowers beneath the snow, or float as distant points of light beyond the clouds. It is true that the second symphony contains no movement of such noble pathos as the finale of the first. On the other hand, in its uniform coloring and its sunny clearness, it is an advance upon the first, and one that is not to be underestimated.

"Brahms has this time fortunately repressed his noble but dangerous inclination to conceal his ideas under a web of polyphony or to cover them with lines of contrapuntal intersection; and if the thematic development in the second symphony appears less remarkable than that in the first, the themes themselves seem more flowing, more spontaneous, and their development seems more

natural, more pellucid, and therefore more effective. We cannot, therefore, proclaim too loudly our joy that Brahms, after he had given intense expression in his first symphony to Faust-like conflicts of the soul, has now in his second returned to the earth,—the earth that laughs and blossoms in the vernal months.”

Yet some may prefer this short sketch by Hugues Imbert (1842-1905), one of the first in France to admire Brahms:

“The second symphony, which was played at a Popular Concert in Paris, November 21, 1880, and at the Paris Conservatory Concert of December 19 of the same year, does not in any way deserve the reproach made against it by Victorin Joncières,—that it is full of brushwood. Nor should it incur the reproach made by Arthur Pougin,—that it is childish! It is true that the first movement contains some dissonances which, after a first hearing, are piquant and not at all disagreeable. The peroration, the last fifty measures of this Allegro, is of a pathetic serenity, which may be compared with that of the first movement of the two sextets for strings. The Adagio is built according to the plan of adagios in the last quartets of Beethoven—an idea, tinged with the deepest melancholy, is led about in varying tonalities and rhythms. The scherzo is one of the most delightful caprices imaginable. The first trio, with its biting staccati, and the second, with its rapid movement, are only the mother-idea of the scherzo, lightened and flung at full speed. Unity, which is unjustly denied Brahms, is still more strikingly observed in the finale, an admirable masterpiece.”

Certain German critics in their estimate of Brahms have exhausted themselves in comparison and metaphor. One claims that, as Beethoven's fourth symphony is to his “Eroica,” so is Brahms's second to his first: the one in C minor is epic, the one in D major is a fairy-tale. When Bülow wrote that Brahms was an heir of Cherubini, he referred to the delicate filigree work shown in the finale of the second. Felix Weingartner whose “Die Symphonie nach Beethoven” (Berlin, 1898)* is a pamphlet of singularly acute and discriminative criticism, coolly says that the second is far superior to the first: “The stream of invention has never flowed so fresh and spontaneous in other works by Brahms, and nowhere else has he colored his orchestration so successfully.” And after a eulogy of the movements he puts the symphony among the very best of the new classic school since the death of Beethoven,—“far above all the symphonies of Schumann.”

This symphony was first played in Boston at a concert of the Har-

*A second and somewhat revised edition was published in 1901. The second edition has been translated into English by Arthur Bles.

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vard Musical Association, January 9, 1879. It was then considered as perplexing and cryptic. John Sullivan Dwight probably voiced the prevailing opinion when he declared he could conceive of Sterndale Bennett writing a better symphony than the one by Brahms in D major.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, and strings.



The second symphony was naturally more warmly received at first in Vienna than was its predecessor. "It was of 'a more attractive character,' more 'understandable,' than its predecessor. It was to be preferred, too, inasmuch as the composer had not this time 'entered the lists with Beethoven.' The third movement was especially praised for its 'original melody and rhythms.' The work might be appropriately termed the 'Vienna Symphony,' reflecting as it did, 'the fresh, healthy life to be found in beautiful Vienna.'" But Florence May, in her *Life of Brahms*,* says the second symphony was not liked: "The audience maintained an attitude of polite cordiality throughout the performance of the symphony, courteously applauding between the movements and recalling the master at the end; but the enthusiasm of personal friends was not this time able to kindle any corresponding warmth in the bulk of the audience, or even to cover the general consciousness of the fact. The most favorable of the press notices damned the work with faint praise. and Dörffel, whom we quote here and elsewhere, because he alone of the professional Leipzig critics of the seventies seems to have been imbued with a sense of Brahms's artistic greatness, showed himself quite angry from disappointment. 'The Viennese,' he wrote, 'are much more easily satisfied than we.' We make quite different demands on Brahms and require from him music which is something more than 'pretty' and 'very pretty' when he comes before us as a symphonist. Not that we do not wish to hear him in his complaisant moods, not that we disdain to accept from him pictures of real life, but we desire always to contemplate his genius, whether he displays it in a manner of his own or depends on that of Beethoven. We have not discovered genius in the new symphony, and should hardly have guessed it to be the work of Brahms had it been performed anonymously. We should have recognized the great mastery of form, the extremely skilful handling of the material, the conspicuous power of construction, in short, which it displays, but should not have described it as pre-eminently distinguished by inventive power. We should have pronounced the work to be one worthy of respect, but not counting for much in the domain of symphony. Perhaps we may be mistaken; if so, the error should be pardonable, arising as it does from the great expectations which our reverence for the composer induced us to form."

* "The Life of Johannes Brahms," by Florence May, in two volumes, London, 1903.

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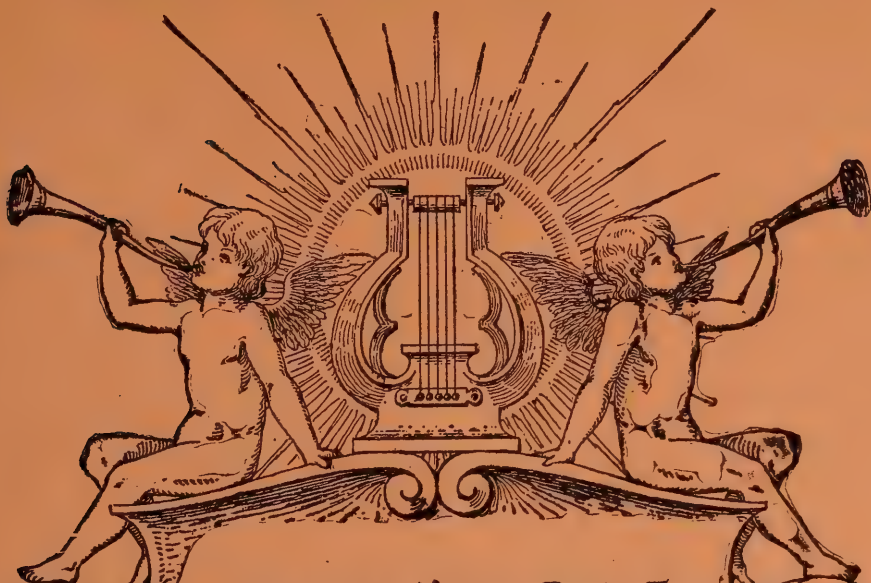
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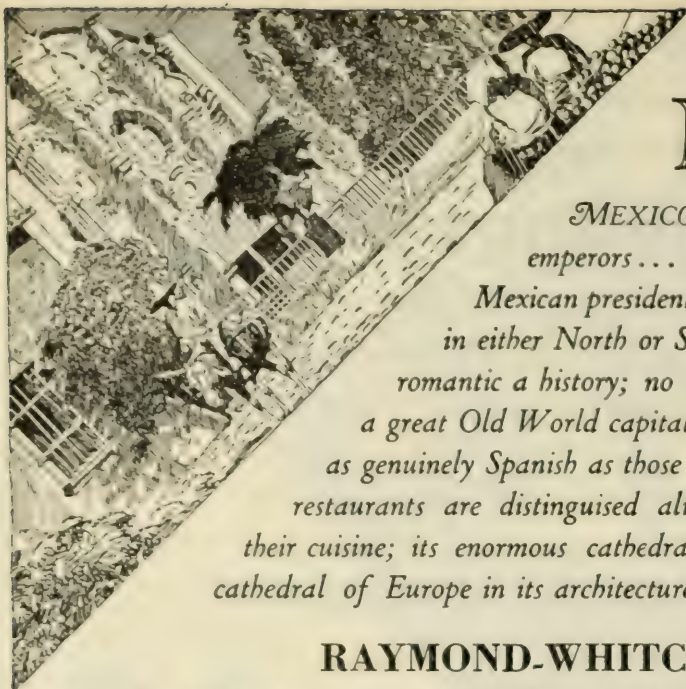
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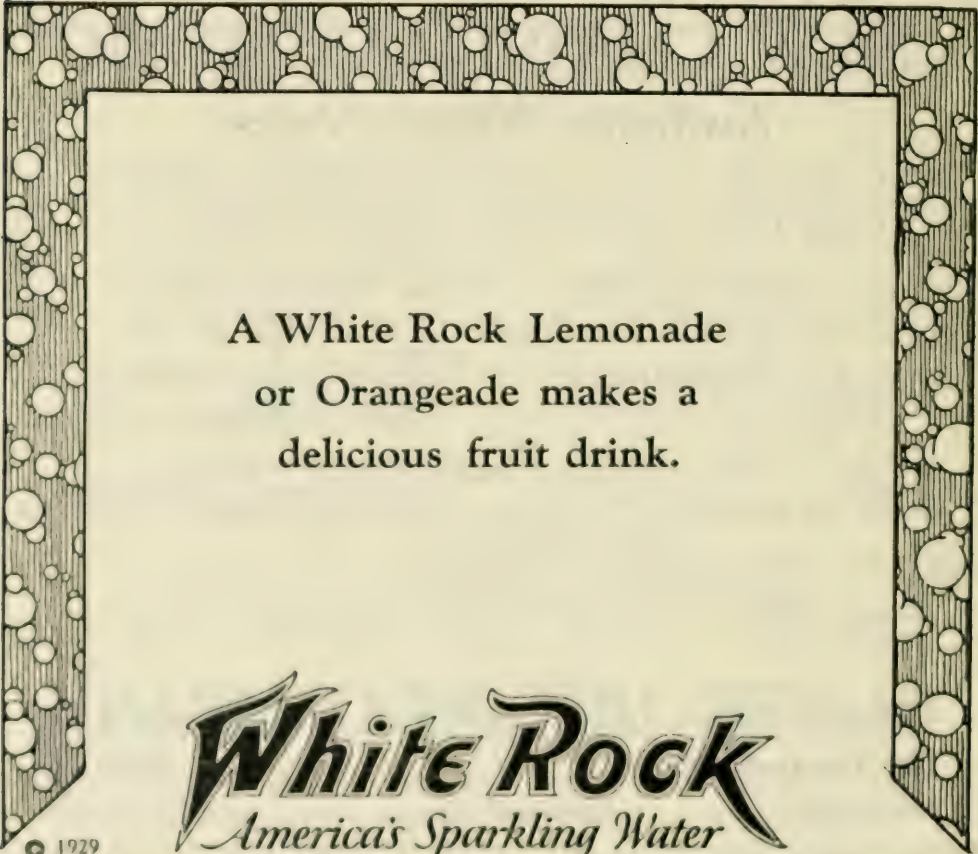
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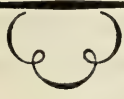
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"The pressing opportunity of a friend of mine, one of your great admirers (as I also am), who is leaving here" (Vienna) "in a great hurry, gives me only a moment to offer my thanks for the long time I have known you (for I know you from the days of my childhood)—that is very little for so much. Bettina Brentano has assured me that you would receive me in a kindly, yes, indeed, friendly spirit. But how could I think of such a reception, seeing that I am only in a position to approach you with the deepest reverence, with an inexpressibly deep feeling for your noble creations. You will shortly receive from Leipsic through Breitkopf and Härtel the music to 'Egmont,' this glorious 'Egmont,' with which I, with the same warmth with which I read it, was again through you impressed by it, and set it to music. I should much like to know your opinion of it; even blame will be profitable for me and for my art, and will be as willingly received as the greatest praise.

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As we have seen, Goethe had much to say about his "Egmont" to Eckermann, but in the record of the conversations there is no allusion to Beethoven's music for the play.

In 1822, Beethoven, remembering his talk with Goethe at Teplitz, where he met him for the first time in 1812, said to Rochlitz: "I would have gone to death, yes ten times to death, for Goethe. Then, when I was in the height of my enthusiasm, I thought out my 'Egmont' music. Goethe—he lives and wants us all to live with him. It is for that reason that he can be composed. Nobody is so easily composed as he. But I do not like to compose songs." But the "Egmont" music had been composed and performed before the composer ever met the poet. Schindler said that Beethoven's recollection of past events was always vague.

The story of Beethoven's haughtiness and Goethe's obsequiousness

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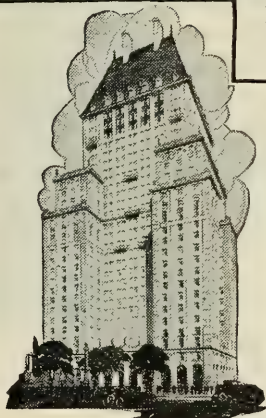
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in the presence of the imperial court has often been related, but the authenticity of the letter in which Beethoven told the adventure to Bettina has been disputed.

Bottina wrote Pückler-Muskau an account of Goethe and Beethoven together at Teplitz, and spoke of the composer playing to the poet and deeply moving him. Albert Schaefer states calmly that Beethoven played the "Egmont" music to Goethe at Vienna, and that the latter did not value it, had no suspicion of its worth,—a statement for which we find no authority. This is certain, that in 1812 Beethoven said to Härtel: "Goethe is too fond of the atmosphere of the court; fonder than becomes a poet. There is little room for sport over the absurdities of the virtuosi, when poets, who ought to be looked upon as the foremost teachers of the nation, can forget everything else in the enjoyment of court glitter." It is also certain that Goethe cared little for Beethoven's music, that he did not mention his name in his memoirs; but in a letter to Zelter he wrote in 1812: "I made the acquaintance of Beethoven at Teplitz. His talent astonished me prodigiously, but he is, unfortunately, a wholly untamed person. It is true that he is not utterly wrong when he finds the world detestable, but this will not make it more enjoyable for himself or for others. Yet he is to be excused and much pitied, for he has lost his hearing, which perhaps is of less injury to his art than to his social relations. Already laconic by nature, he will be doubly so by reason of this infirmity."

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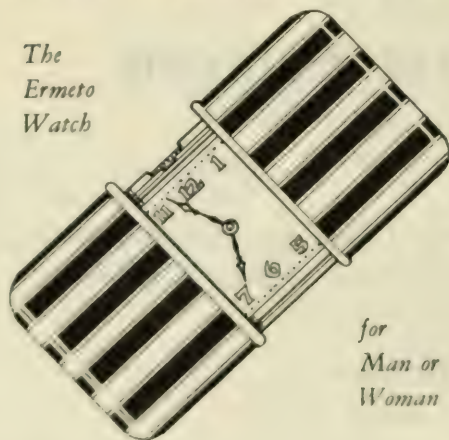
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make Goethe appreciate Beethoven's music. Mendelssohn played to him music by Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Weber. The poet enjoyed especially an overture by Bach. "How pompous and stately it is!" exclaimed Goethe: "I imagine a procession of noble persons in festal dress, going down the steps of a grand staircase!" But Mendelssohn recognized Goethe's antipathy towards Beethoven's music. He played to him the first movement of the Symphony in C minor. It made a singular impression on Goethe, who began by saying: "This music produces only astonishment; it does not move one at all; it is grandiose." He muttered some words, and after a long silence said: "It is very great and indeed astonishing; one is tempted to say that the house is about to crumble into pieces; but what would happen if all men together should set themselves to playing it?"

Goethe, who likened music to architecture, drew a singular parallel between Napoleon Bonaparte and Hummel. "Napoleon treats the world as Hummel his pianoforte. In each instance the manner of treatment seems impossible; we understand the one as little as the other, and yet no one can deny the effects. The grandeur of Napoleon consists in being the same at any hour. . . . He was always in his element, always equal to the emergency, just as Hummel is never embarrassed, whether he has to play an adagio or an allegro. This facility is found wherever real talent exists, in the arts of peace as in those of war, at the pianoforte as behind a battery."

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This symphonic poem was performed for the first time at the second concert of the 70th Annual Festival of the Worcester (Mass.) County Musical Association, held at Mechanics Hall, Worcester. This concert took place on the afternoon of October 3, 1929. Albert Stoessel conducted the Festival Orchestra. The other orchestral pieces were Monsigny's Chaconne et Rigaudon and Gustav Holst's Japanese Suite. The Marmeins danced their drama dances to music by Dukas, Franck, Rebikov, MacDowell, Mendelssohn, Prokofieff, Jaernevelt, Holst. We wrote to Mr. Gruenberg asking if he had any particular isle in mind. He answered by the following interesting letter:

"It has always been my firm conviction that a composition should stand on its own legs (so to speak) if able, or if not, that no amount of props in shape of words could possibly help it to stand upright. And having stated the above, I shall do what one must always do to firm convictions, if one is to continue to function artistically; that is, destroy or ignore them, and proceed to tell you what there is to be told about 'The Enchanted Isle' and other matters related to it.

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"The last two were never finished, owing to the fact that I lost interest in the series after leaving for Europe in 1919 (only to



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return to New York early last year). In rummaging through a bale of manuscripts which I had not seen for over eight years, I found the score of 'The Enchanted Isle,' whose very existence I had completely forgotten. As I idly turned its pages, a theme here, a passage there gradually brought back to me the wistful romantic days of my youth, when all is well, even if it isn't. I grew sentimental and determined to recapture a whiff of these enchanted islands of memory, gradually making a complete new score, retaining the emotions—most of the melodies of the original work—but making use of my newly acquired freedom, knowledge of orchestration, harmony, and construction. And that sums up what 'The Enchanted Isle' represents in my artistic career to-day—a bridge between the old and the new.

"Other works are: (1) 'Daniel Jazz'*; (2) 'Creation'; (3) 'Jazz Suite' (which Mr. Stokowsky is doing soon); (4) 'Vagabondia' (which had a first performance in Prague with the Prague Philharmonic); (5) a Ballet (the book, which I wrote myself, standing in the way of a production); (6) 'The Dumb Wife,'† opera in two acts (never produced because of failure of obtaining the performing rights); (7) a mass of chamber works; (8) three new works yet to be heard even by the composer."

According to the Worcester Festival Programme Book, edited by Walter Edward Howe, Mr. Gruenberg came to the United States in 1885 and was

*'Daniel Jazz' was performed in Boston at a concert of the Chamber Music Club and the Flute Players Club in Jordan Hall on April 23, 1928. Colin O'More, tenor, sang the text of Vachel Lindsay's poem; Richard Burgin conducted the Chamber Orchestra. The programme also included Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" (Greta Torpadie, singer), Stravinsky's Octet for wind instruments, and Hindemith's "Marienlieder" (Miss Torpadie, Mr. Tillotson, pianist).

†Is this opera based on Anatole France's "Comédie de celui qui épousa une femme muette", produced at the Porte-Saint-Martin, Paris, on May 30, 1912, with Mlle. de Pouzois taking the part of Catherine? The play was seen in Boston with Lillah McCarthy as Catherine in the translation made by Curtis Hidden Page for Granville Barker.

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educated in the public schools of New York. He took piano lessons of Adele Margulies. He later studied at the master school of the Vienna Conservatory; still later, with Busoni, piano-playing and composition. (Riemann's "Musik-Lexikon" (1922) says that he also studied composition at Berlin with Fr. E. Koch). Having toured in European countries as a pianist, he returned to the United States with Busoni and composed the music of an opera-libretto by Busoni, "The Bride of the Gods." In 1919 he played at a recital in New York some of his own compositions, among them "Five Impressions based on Oriental Themes." The list of his work includes sonatas for violin and piano, a symphony, a piano concerto, songs, and piano pieces. He is one of the founders of the American Composers' Guild and a director of the International Composers' Guild. Not long ago he was made president of the United States section of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

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"Till Eulenspiegel's lustige Streiche, nach alter Schelmenweise—in Rondoform—für grosses Orchester gesetzt, von Richard Strauss," was produced at a Gürzenich concert at Cologne, November 5, 1895. It was composed in 1894-95 at Munich, and the score was completed there, May 6, 1895. The score and parts were published in September, 1895.

There has been dispute concerning the proper translation of the phrase, "nach alter Schelmenweise," in the title. Some, and Mr. Apthorp was one of them, translate it "after an old rogue's tune." Others will not have this at all, and prefer "after the old,—or old-fashioned,—roguish manner," or, as Mr. Krehbiel suggested, "in the

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style of old-time waggery,” and this view is in all probability the sounder. It is hard to twist “Schelmenweise” into “rogue’s tune.” “Schelmenstück,” for instance, is “a knavish trick,” a “piece of roguery.” As Mr. Krehbiel well said: “The reference [*Schelmenweise*] goes, not to the thematic form of the phrase, but to its structure. This is indicated, not only by the grammatical form of the phrase but also by the parenthetical explanation: ‘in Rondo form.’ What connection exists between roguishness, or waggishness, and the rondo form it might be difficult to explain. The roguish wag in this case is Richard Strauss himself, who, besides putting the puzzle into his title, refused to provide the composition with even the smallest explanatory note which might have given a clue to its contents.” It seems to us that the puzzle in the title is largely imaginary. There is no need of attributing any intimate connection between “roguish manner” and “rondo form.”

Till (or Tyll) Eulenspiegel is the hero of an old *Volksbuch* of the fifteenth century attributed to Dr. Thomas Murner (1475–1530). Till is supposed to be a wandering mechanic of Brunswick, who plays all sorts of tricks, practical jokes,—some of them exceedingly coarse,—on everybody, and he always comes out ahead. In the book, Till (or Till Owlglass, as he is known in the English translation) goes to the gallows, but he escapes through an exercise of his ready wit, and dies peacefully in bed, playing a sad joke on his heirs, and refusing to lie still and snug in his grave. Strauss kills him on the scaffold. The German name is said to find its derivation in an old proverb: “Man sees his own faults as little as a monkey or an owl recognizes his ugliness in looking into a mirror.”

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Cologne, asked the composer for an explanatory programme of the "poetical intent" of the piece, Strauss replied: "It is impossible for me to furnish a programme to 'Eulenspiegel'; were I to put into words the thoughts which its several incidents suggested to me, they would seldom suffice, and might even give rise to offence. Let me leave it, therefore, to my hearers to crack the hard nut which the Rogue has prepared for them. By way of helping them to a better understanding, it seems sufficient to point out the two 'Eulenspiegel' motives, which, in the most manifold disguises, moods, and situations, pervade the whole up to the catastrophe, when, after he has been condemned to death, Till is strung up to the gibbet. For the rest, let them guess at the musical joke which a Rogue has offered them." Strauss indicated in notation three motives,—the opening theme of the introduction, the horn theme that follows almost immediately, and the descending interval expressive of condemnation and the scaffold.

Certain German critics were not satisfied with Strauss's meagre clue, and they at once began to evolve labored analyses. One of these programmes, the one prepared by Wilhelm Klatte, was published in the *Allgemeine Musik-Zeitung* of November 8, 1895, and frequently in programme books in Germany and England, in some cases with Strauss's sanction.* The translation is, for the most part, by C. A. Barry:—

A strong sense of German folk-feeling (*des Volksthümlichen*) pervades the whole work; the source from which the tone-poet drew his inspiration is clearly indicated in the introductory bars: *Gemächlich*

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(Andante comodo), F major, 4-8. To some extent this stands for the "once upon a time" of the story-books. That what follows is not to be treated in the pleasant and agreeable manner of narrative poetry, but in a more sturdy fashion, is at once made apparent by a characteristic bassoon figure which breaks in sforzato upon the piano of the strings. Of equal importance for the development of the piece is the immediately following humorous horn theme (F major, 6-8). Beginning quietly and gradually becoming more lively, it is at first heard against a tremolo of the "divided" violins and then again in the tempo primo, Sehr lebhaft (Vivace). This theme, or at least the kernel of it, is taken up in turn by oboes, clarinets, violas, violoncellos, and bassoons, and is finally brought by the full orchestra, except trumpets and trombones, after a few bars, crescendo, to a dominant half-close fortissimo in C. The thematic material, according to the main point, has now been fixed upon; the *milieu* is given, by which we are enabled to recognize the pranks and droll tricks which the crafty schemer is about to bring before our eyes, or, far rather, before our ears.

Here he is (clarinet phrase followed by chord for wind instruments). He wanders through the land as a thoroughgoing adventurer. His clothes are tattered and torn: a queer, fragmentary version of the Eulenspiegel motive resounds from the horns. Following a merry play with this important leading motive, which directly leads to a short but brilliant tutti, in which it again asserts itself, first in the flutes, and then finally merges into a softly murmuring and extended tremolo for the violas, this same motive, gracefully phrased, reappears in succession in the basses, flute, first violins, and again in the basses. The rogue, putting on his best manners, slyly

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passes through the gate, and enters a certain city. It is market-day; the women sit at their stalls and prattle (flutes, oboes, and clarinets). Hop! Eulenspiegel springs on his horse (indicated by rapid triplets extending through three measures, from the low D of the bass clarinet to the highest A of the D clarinet), gives a smack of his whip, and rides into the midst of the crowd. Clink, clash, clatter! A confused sound of broken pots and pans, and the market-women are put to flight! In haste the rascal rides away (as is admirably illustrated by a fortissimo passage for the trombones) and secures a safe retreat.

This was his first merry prank; a second follows immediately: *Gemächlich* (Andante comodo), F major, 2-4. Eulenspiegel has put on the vestments of a priest, and assumes a very unctuous mien. Though posing as a preacher of morals, the rogue peeps out from the folds of his mantle (the Eulenspiegel motive on the clarinet points to the imposture). He fears for the success of his scheme. A figure played by muted violins, horns, and trumpets makes it plain that he does not feel comfortable in his borrowed plumes. But soon he makes up his mind. Away with all scruples! He tears them off (solo violin, glissando).

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and trumpets suddenly project the Eulenspiegel theme into their profound philosophy. It is as though the transcendent rogue were making faces at the bigwigs from a distance—again and again—and then waggishly running away. This is aptly characterized by a short episode (A-flat) in a hopping, 2-4 rhythm, which, similarly with the first entrance of the Hypocrisy theme previously used, is followed by phantom-like tones from the wood-wind and strings and then from trombones and horns. Has our rogue still no foreboding?

Interwoven with the very first theme, indicated lightly by trumpets and English horn, a figure is developed from the second introductory and fundamental theme. It is first taken up by the clarinets; it seems to express the fact that the arch-villain has again got the upper hand of Eulenspiegel, who has fallen into his old manner of life. If we take a formal view, we have now reached the repetition of the chief theme. A merry jester, a born liar, Eulenspiegel goes wherever he can succeed with a hoax. His insolence knows no bounds. Alas! there is a sudden jolt to his wanton humor. The drum rolls a hollow roll; the jailer drags the

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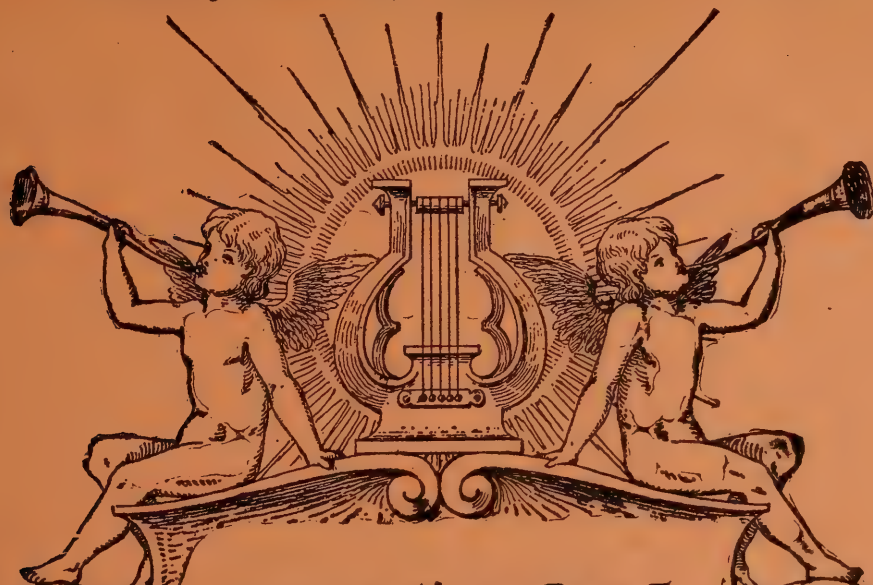


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*Sam Franko, brother of Nahan Franko, was born in New Orleans in 1857. He studied the violin with Joachim in Berlin, and Vieuxtemps in Paris, and composition with Alexander Hollander in Berlin. He was a member of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra for several seasons, part of the time holding the position of concertmaster; principal viola of the New York Philharmonic Society; concertmaster of the Manhattan Opera House under Hammerstein; toured as soloist and first violin of the Mendelssohn Quintet Club of Boston. From 1881 to 1897 gave regular chamber music concerts in New York; 1900-1909 orchestral concerts of old music in New York, and a similar series in Berlin from 1910 to 1914. Since 1916 Mr. Franko has been living in New York City.



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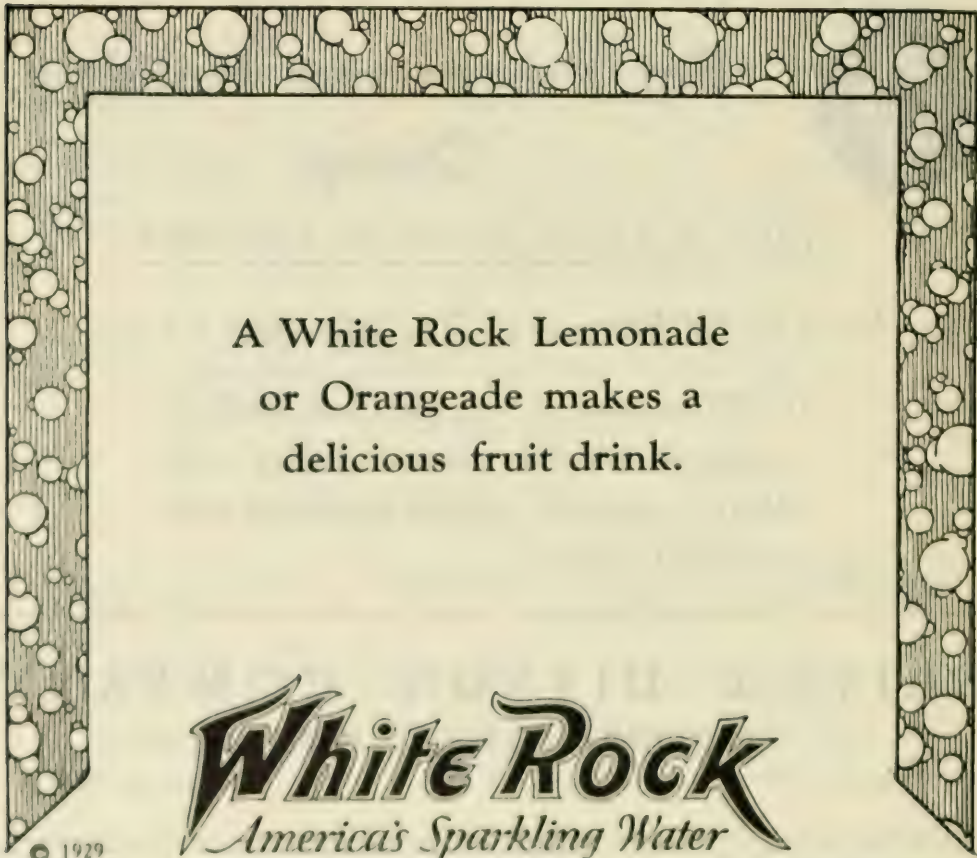
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Duke had a residence from 1707 to 1713, when he returned to Venice. He was appointed *maestro de concerti* at the Ospedale-della Pietà, a foundling hospital for girls, with a choir and an orchestra, all women. In 1714 he was appointed violinist at St. Mark's Church. He was red-headed and a priest, so he was known as "Il Prese rosso."

Vivaldi composed a great quantity of music for the violin (according to Riemann, there are in Dresden alone eighty concertos in manuscript), and he wrote operas from 1713 to 1739—thirty-eight, it is said,—twenty-two of them for Venice. Few of his works have been printed. His published compositions include twelve trios for two violins and 'cello (Op. 1); eighteen violin sonatas with bass (Op. 2 and 5); "Estro Poetico," twelve concertos for four violins, two violas, 'cello, and organ bass (Op. 3); twenty-four concertos for solo violin, two violins *ripieni*, viola, and organ bass (Op. 4, 6 and 7); "Le Quattro Stagioni," twelve concertos for four and five voices (Op. 8); "La Cetera," six concertos for five voices (Op. 9); six concertos for flute, violin, viola, 'cello and organ bass (Op. 10); twelve concertos for solo violin, two violins, viola, 'cello and organ bass (Op. 11 and 12).

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Vivaldi was a virtuoso, and as a composer he has been accused of writing for mere display and inventing novel effects to win applause. Dr. Burney pooh-poohed his "Stravaganze" for solo violin. Sir John Hawkins said of Op. 8: "The first four concertos are a pretended paraphrase in musical notes of so many sonnets on the four seasons, wherein the author endeavors by the force of harmony and particular modifications of air and measure to excite ideas correspondent with the sentiments of the several poems." But the Germans, Bach, Benda and Quanz among them, thought highly of the Venetian.

Vivaldi developed the concerto form invented by Giuseppe Torelli. Sir Hubert Parry said of Vivaldi: "He represented the tendency of Italian art towards harmonic forms, such as were met with in Italian opera, in which, so far, simple clearness of design and superficial effectiveness were the principal virtues. He was essentially a violinist, and, at times, especially in slow movements when the aptness of the violin for expressive melody invited him, he showed facility, glibness, and a certain mastery of technic, but his ideas in such movements were little more than poses. But he had a great reputation as a representative of Italian instrumental art, and it was possibly on that ground that Bach subjected his works to the close study which

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arranging them for the clavier implied." Sir Hubert admitted later, in his *Life of Bach*, that Bach's violin concertos written in the Cöthen period are akin to the Vivaldi type.

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Concerto in Bach's day had these meanings: "(1) a music school; (2) either vocal or instrumental chamber music, a piece that is called 'concerto'; (3) violin pieces which are so arranged that each player will at a certain time be prominent, and play in turn with the other parts in rivalry. In such pieces, when only the first player dominates, and where only one of the many violinists is prominent for remarkable agility, this player is called 'violono concertino.'" (*"Musikalisches Lexicon"* by J. G. Walther, Leipsic, 1732.) It is stated that the word "concerto," as applied to a piece for a solo instrument with accompaniment, first appeared in a treatise by Scipio Bargaglia (Venice 1587), and that Giuseppe Torelli, who died in 1703, was the first to suggest a larger number of instruments in a concerto and to give the name "Concerto grosso" to this species of composition. But Michelletti, seventeen years before, had published his *"Simfonie et concerti a quatro,"* and in 1698 his *"Concerti Musicali."* The word "concerto" occurs frequently in the musical terminology of the Seventeenth Century. Up to the middle of that century the music, especially for violin, was composed almost exclusively of dance tunes, courantes, gailardes, pavaues, etc. These compositions bore the title "simfonia," "capriccio," "fantasia," "toccata," "canzone," "ricercare." The first five words were used for instrumental pieces; the last two for pieces either for voices and instruments, sometimes for both. The title "ricercare" soon disappeared; "canzone" dropped out of use; "toccata" was then a title reserved for harpsichord pieces, and towards the second half of the Sixteenth Century "simfonia" meant either an instrumental interlude or an overture. It was towards 1650 that the word "Sonata" took the special meaning of an instrumental piece with accompaniment of organ or harpsichord and several other instruments. In those days the "sonata" encroached on the rights of the "capriccio" and "fantasia."

That Torelli invented the "concerto grosso" may be disputed; but it was he that determined the form of the grand solo for violin and opened the way to Archangelo Corelli, the father of modern violinists, composers or virtuosos.

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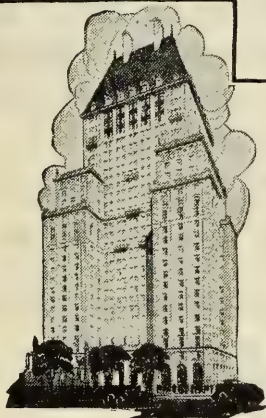
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In the summer of 1909 Diaghilev asked Stravinsky to write a ballet founded on the old Russian legend of the Fire-Bird. The score was ready in May, 1910. The scenario was the work of Fokine.

The first performance of the "Oiseau de Feu" a "Conte dansé" in two scenes, was at the Paris Opéra on June 25, 1910. The Fire-Bird, Tamara Karsavina; The Beautiful Tsarevna, Mme. Fokina; Ivan Tsarevitch, Fokine; Katscheï, Boulgakov. Gabriel Pierné conducted. The stage settings were by Golovine and Bakst. Balakirev had sketched an opera in which the Fire-Bird was the central figure, but nothing came of it. Katscheï (or Kotscheï) is the hero of Rimsky-Korsakov's opera "Katscheï the Immortal: an Autumn Legend," produced at the Private Opera, Moscow, in 1902. He also figures as "the man-skeleton" in Rimsky-Korsakov's "Mlada,"* a fairy opera-ballet (Leningrad, 1893) and, by implication, in Mousorgsky's symphonic poem, "A Night on Bald Mountain."†

*The third act "Night on the Mount Triglav," arranged for concert use, was played in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on December 23, 1921.

†This symphonic poem was produced in Boston by the Orchestral Club, Mr. Longy conductor, on January 4, 1905.

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Fokine's scenario may thus be described: After a short prelude, the curtain rises and the grounds of an old castle are seen. Ivan Tsarevitch, the hero of many tales, in the course of hunting at night, comes to the enchanted garden and sees a beautiful bird with flaming golden plumage. She attempts to pluck fruit of gold from a silver tree. He captures her, but, heeding her entreaties, frees her. In gratitude, she gives him one of her feathers which has magic properties. The dawn breaks. Thirteen enchanted princesses appear, coming from the castle. Ivan, hidden, watches them playing with golden apples, and dancing. Fascinated by them, he finally discloses himself. They tell him that the castle belongs to the terrible Katscheï, who turns decoyed travellers into stone. The princesses warn Ivan of his fate, but he resolves to enter the castle. Opening the gate, he sees Katscheï with his train of grotesque and deformed subjects marching towards him in pompous procession. Katscheï attempts to work his spell on Ivan, who is protected by the feather. Ivan summons the Fire-Bird, who causes Katscheï and his retinue to dance until they drop exhausted. The secret of Katscheï's immor-

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tality is disclosed to Ivan: the sorcerer keeps an egg in a casket; if this egg should be broken or even injured, he would die. Ivan swings the egg backwards and forwards. Katscheï and his crew sway with it. At last the egg is dashed to the ground; Katscheï dies; his palace vanishes; the petrified knights come to life; and Ivan, amid great rejoicing, receives the hand of the most beautiful princess.

According to Ralston in his "Russian Folk-Tales," the Fire-Bird is known in its native haunts as the *Zhar-Ptitsa*. Its name, he says, indicates its close connection with flame or light. *Zhar* means "‘glowing heart,’ as of a furnace"; and *Zhar-Ptitsa* means, literally, "the Glow-Bird." "Its appearance corresponds with its designation. Its feathers blaze with golden or silvery sheen, its eyes shine like crystal, it dwells in a golden cage. In the depth of the night it flies into a garden and lights it up as brilliantly as could a thousand burning fires. A single feather from its tail illuminates a dark room. It feeds upon golden apples, which have the power of bestowing youth and beauty—or, according to a Croatian version, on magic grasses."

Katscheï is one of the many incarnations of the dark spirit. "Sometimes he is described as altogether serpent-like in form; sometimes he seems to be of a mixed nature, partly human and partly ophidian, but in some stories he is apparently framed after the fashion of a man. . . . He is called 'immortal' or 'deathless' because of his superiority to the ordinary laws of existence. . . . Sometimes his 'death'—that is, the object with which his life is indissolubly

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II. Entreaties of the Fire-Bird.

III. The Princesses Play with the Golden Apples.

III (a). Berceuse. This Lullaby is not in the Suite as first published.

IV. Dance (Ronde) of the Princesses.

V. Infernal Dance of Katscheï’s subjects.

No movement of the Suite depends for its musical effect on the stage setting or a dramatic situation.

The Suite is scored for piccolo, three flutes (one interchangeable with a second piccolo), three oboes, English horn, three clarinets in A (one interchangeable with a little clarinet in D), bass clarinet, three bassoons (one interchangeable with a second double-bassoon), double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, bells, tambourine, xylophone, celesta, pianoforte, three harps, sixteen first violins, sixteen second violins, fourteen violas, eight violoncellos, six double basses.

Mr. Montagu-Nathan says of this ballet music that the orchestra supplies the usual musical commentary upon the dramatic action, and on occasion takes upon itself a function which renders it something more than an accessory. “The music describes with an extraordinary wealth of suggestion the various weird figures of the drama, and is of a nature never allowing us to forget that it is fantasy and not life that we are witnessing. The flight of the Fire-Bird, its dance, and its vain resistance are rendered in music whose

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primary purpose is the description of movement and not descriptiveness itself, while the quarry's pleading is brought to our ears through a veil of make-believe; her supplication is in accents that suggest the conventional posturing of the ballerina and not of a real bird ensnared. Throughout the ballet the music serves as a preparation, by means of the ear, for what the eye is to witness. Even the graceful nocturnal dance of the captive maidens has a note that suggests the dominion of their villainous jailer, and the episodic theme of their play with the apples is that which later heralds their liberation through the good graces of the Fire-Bird. Ere the delightful melody of the *Khorovode** has died away, we are aware that we shall soon have something less dainty to contemplate, and, with the approach of the monster and his awful satellites, it is clear that another musical picture is to be added to the gallery inaugurated by Glinka with his march of Chernomov in 'Russlan and Ludmilla.' ”†

The first performance of this ballet in the United States was by Serge Diaghilev's Ballet Russe Company at the Century Theatre, New York, January 17, 1916. The ballet was chosen for the opening of the season. The dancers were Mlle. Xenia Maclezova,‡ The Fire-Bird; Mme. Labow Tchernicheva, La Belle Tsarevna; L. Massine, Ivan Tsarevitch; Cecchetti, Katscheï. Ernest Ansermet conducted.

The same dancers were seen at the Boston Opera House in "The Fire-Bird" on January 31, 1916.

The Suite was performed in New York, by the New York Sym-

*The lullaby that rocks the Tsarevna into "a sleep that will protect her from Katscheï."

† "Russlan and Ludmilla" was produced at Leningrad on November 27 (O. S.) 1842. The overture was played in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 3, 1894.

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phony Society on December 31, 1916; in Philadelphia, by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra on November 2, 1917; in Boston, by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 31, 1919 (Mr. Monteux conductor).

When the Suite was conducted in Boston by Mr. Koussevitzky (January 23, 24, 1925), the programme also comprised these pieces by Stravinsky: Song of the Volga Boatman (arranged for wind instruments and percussion); Suite from "Petrouchka"; and Concerto for piano and wind instruments with double basses (Mr. Stravinsky, pianist; first performance of the Concerto in America).

Stravinsky in 1919 rescored this Suite to make it more available for an orchestra of ordinary size: two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, xylophone, harp, piano, and strings.

He also rearranged and added from material in the original ballet. He retained from the first suite the Introduction, the "Dance of the Fire-Bird," the "Dance of the Princesses," and "Katschei's Infernal Dance," but omitted "The Enchanted Garden," "The Supplications of the Fire-Bird," and "The Princesses Playing with the Golden Apples." He added two numbers from the ballet: the Berceuse and the Finale. The revised suite, published in 1920, was played in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Orchestra on October 17, 1924.

At the performance in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Koussevitzky, conductor, on December 10, 1926, the programme read:

a. Introduction; Katschei's Enchanted Garden and Dance of the Fire-Bird;

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At the performance in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra led by Mr. Koussevitzky on March 23, 1928, the order was as follows:

1. Introduction: Katscheï's Enchanted Garden and Dance of the Fire-Bird. 2. Supplication of the Fire-Bird. 3. The Princesses Play With the Golden Apples. 3a. Berceuse. 4. Dance of the Princesses. 5. Infernal Dance of all the Subjects of Katscheï.

SYMPHONY No. 6, B MINOR, "PATHETIC," OP. 74

PETER ILICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(Born at Votkinsk in the government of Viatka, Russia, May 7, 1840; died at Leningrad, November 6, 1893)

Tchaikovsky on the voyage from New York to Hamburg in May, 1891, made sketches for a sixth symphony. He worked on this symphony in 1892, was dissatisfied with it, and destroyed it before he began to orchestrate it. His third pianoforte concerto, Op. 75, was based on the first movement of the rejected work. (This concerto was played after his death by Tanéïev in Leningrad.) Another work, posthumous, the Andante and Finale for pianoforte with orchestra, orchestrated by Tanéïev, and produced at Leningrad on February 20, 1896, was also based on the sketches for this Symphony.

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The first mention of the "Pathetic" Symphony is in a letter from Tchaikovsky to his brother Anatol, dated Klin, February 22, 1893: "I am now wholly occupied with the new work (a symphony) and it is hard for me to tear myself away from it. I believe it comes into being as the best of my works. I must finish it as soon as possible, for I have to wind up a lot of affairs and I must also soon go to London. I told you that I had completed a symphony which suddenly displeased me, and I tore it up. Now I have composed a new symphony *which I certainly shall not tear up.*" He was still eager for an inspiring opera libretto. He did not like one on the story of Undine, which had been suggested. He wrote to Modest: "For God's sake, find or invent a subject, *if possible not a fantastic one*, but something after the manner of 'Carmen' or of 'Cavalleria Rusticana.'"

Tchaikovsky went to London in May, and the next month he was at Cambridge, to receive, on June 13, with Saint-Saëns, Grieg, Boïto, Bruch, the Doctor's degree *honoris causa*. Grieg, whom Tchaikovsky loved as man and composer, was sick and could not be present. "Outside of Saint-Saëns the sympathetic one to me is Boïto. Bruch—an unsympathetic, bumptious person." At the ceremonial concert, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" was played. General Roberts was also made a Doctor on this occasion, as were the Maharaja of Bhonnaggor and Lord Herschel.

At home again, Peter wrote to Modest early in August that he was up to his neck in his symphony. "The orchestration is the more difficult, the farther I go. Twenty years ago I let myself write at ease without much thought, and it was all right. Now I have become cowardly and uncertain. I have sat the whole day



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over two pages: that which I wished came constantly to naught. In spite of this, I make progress." He wrote to Davidov, August 15: "The symphony which I intended to dedicate to you—I shall reconsider this on account of your long silence—is progressing. I am very well satisfied with the contents, but not wholly with the orchestration. I do not succeed in my intentions. It will not surprise me in the least if the symphony is cursed or judged unfavorably; 'twill not be for the first time. I myself consider it the best, especially the most open-hearted of all my works. I love it as I *never* have loved any other of my musical creations. My life is without the charm of variety; evenings I am often bored; but I do not complain, for the symphony is now the main thing, and I cannot work anywhere so well as at home." He wrote Jurgenson, his publisher, on August 24 that he had finished the orchestration: "I give you my word of honor that never in my life have I been so contented, so proud, so happy, in the knowledge that I have written a good piece." It was at this time that he thought seriously of writing an opera with a text founded on "The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Mr. Barton," by George Eliot, of whose best works he was an enthusiastic admirer.

Early in October he wrote to the Grand Duke Constantine: "I have without exaggeration put my whole soul into this symphony, and I hope that your highness will like it. I do not know whether it will seem original in its material, but there is this peculiarity of form: the Finale is an Adagio, not an Allegro, as is the custom." Later he explained to the Grand Duke why he did not wish to write a Requiem. He said in substance that the text contained too much about God as a revengeful judge; he did not believe in such a deity; nor could such a deity awaken in him the necessary

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inspiration: "I should feel the greatest enthusiasm in putting music to certain parts of the gospels, if it were only possible. How often, for instance, have I been enthusiastic over a musical illustration of Christ's words: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden'; also, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light'! What boundless love and compassion for mankind are in these words!"

Tchaikovsky left Klin forever on October 19. He stopped at Moscow to attend a funeral, and there with Kashkin he talked freely after supper. Friends had died; who would be the next to go? "I told Peter," said Kashkin, "that he would outlive us all. He disputed the likelihood, yet added that never had he felt so well and happy." Peter told him that he had no doubt about the first three movements of his new symphony, but that the last was still doubtful in his mind; after the performance he might destroy it and write another finale. He arrived at Leningrad in good spirits, but he was depressed because the symphony made no impression on the orchestra at the rehearsals. He valued highly the opinion of players, and he conducted well only when he knew that the orchestra liked the work. He was dependent on them for the finesse of interpretation. "A cool facial expression, an indifferent glance,

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a yawn,—these tied his hands; he lost his readiness of mind, he went over the work carelessly, and cut short the rehearsal, that the players might be freed from their boresome work.” Yet he insisted that he never had written and never would write a better composition than this symphony.

The Sixth Symphony was performed for the first time at Lenin-grad October 28, 1893. The programme included an overture to an unfinished opera by Laroche, Tchaikovsky's B-flat minor Concerto for pianoforte, played by Adele aus der Ohe, the dances from Mozart's "Idomeneo," and Liszt's Spanish Rhapsody for pianoforte. Tchaikovsky conducted. The symphony failed. "There was applause," says Modest, "and the composer was recalled, but with no more enthusiasm than on previous occasions. There was not the mighty, overpowering impression made by the work when it was conducted by Naprawnik, November 18, 1893, and later, wherever it was played." The critics were decidedly cool.

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The morning after Modest found Peter at the tea-table with the score of the symphony in his hand. He regretted that, inasmuch as he had to send it that day to the publisher, he had not yet given

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it a title. He wished something more than "No. 6," and did not like "Programme Symphony." "What does Programme Symphony mean when I will give it no programme?" Modest suggested "Tragic," but Peter said that would not do. "I left the room before he had come to a decision. Suddenly I thought, 'Pathetic.' I went back to the room,—I remember it as though it were yesterday,—and I said the word to Peter. 'Splendid, Modi, bravo, "Pathetic"!' and he wrote in my presence the title that will forever remain."

On October 30 Tchaikovsky asked Jurgenson by letter to put on the title-page the dedication to Vladimir Liwowitz Davidov, and added: "This symphony met with a singular fate. It has not exactly failed, but it has incited surprise. As for me, I am prouder of it than any other of my works."

On November 1 Tchaikovsky was in perfect health. He dined with an old friend and went to the theatre. In the cloak-room there was talk about Spiritualism. Warlamov objected to all talk about ghosts and anything that reminded one of death. Tchaikovsky laughed at Warlamov's manner of expression, and said: "There is still time enough to become acquainted with this detestable snub-

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nosed one. At any rate, he will not have us soon. I know that I shall live for a long time." He then went with friends to a restaurant, where he ate macaroni and drank white wine with mineral water. When he walked home about 2 A.M., Peter was well in body and in mind.

There are some who find pleasure in the thought that the death of a great man was in some way mysterious or melodramatic. For years some insisted that Salieri caused Mozart to be poisoned. There was a rumor after Tchaikovsky's death that he took poison or sought deliberately the cholera. When Mr. Alexander Siloti, a pupil of Tchaikovsky, first visited Boston, in 1898, he did not hesitate to say that there might be truth in the report, and, asked as to his own belief, he shook his head with a portentous gravity that Burleigh might have envied. We have been assured by other Russians who knew Tchaikovsky that he killed himself, nor was the reason for his so doing withheld. Peter's brother Modest gives a circumstantial account of Peter's death from natural causes. Peter awoke November 2 after a restless night, but he went out about noon to make a call; he returned to luncheon, ate nothing, and drank a glass of water that had not been boiled. Modest and others were alarmed, but Peter was not disturbed, for he was less afraid of the cholera than of other diseases. Not until night was there any

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What was the programme in Tchaikovsky's mind? Kashkin says that, if the composer had disclosed it to the public, the world would not have regarded the symphony as a kind of legacy from one filled with a presentiment of his own approaching end; that it seems more reasonable "to interpret the overwhelming energy of the third movement and the abysmal sorrow of the Finale in the broader light of a national or historical significance rather than to narrow them to the expression of an individual experience. If the last movement is intended to be predictive, it is surely of things vaster and issues more fatal than are contained in a mere personal apprehension of death. It speaks rather of a '*lamentation large et souffrance inconnue*,' and seems to set the seal of finality on all human hopes. Even if we eliminate the purely subjective interest, this autumnal inspiration of Tchaikovsky, in which we hear 'the ground whirl of the perished leaves of hope, still remains the most profoundly stirring of his works.' . . ."



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In spite of Meyerbeer's fair words and his own efforts, Wagner was unable to place his opera; he was obliged to do all manner of drudgery to support himself. He composed songs, read proofs, arranged light music for various instruments, wrote articles for music journals.

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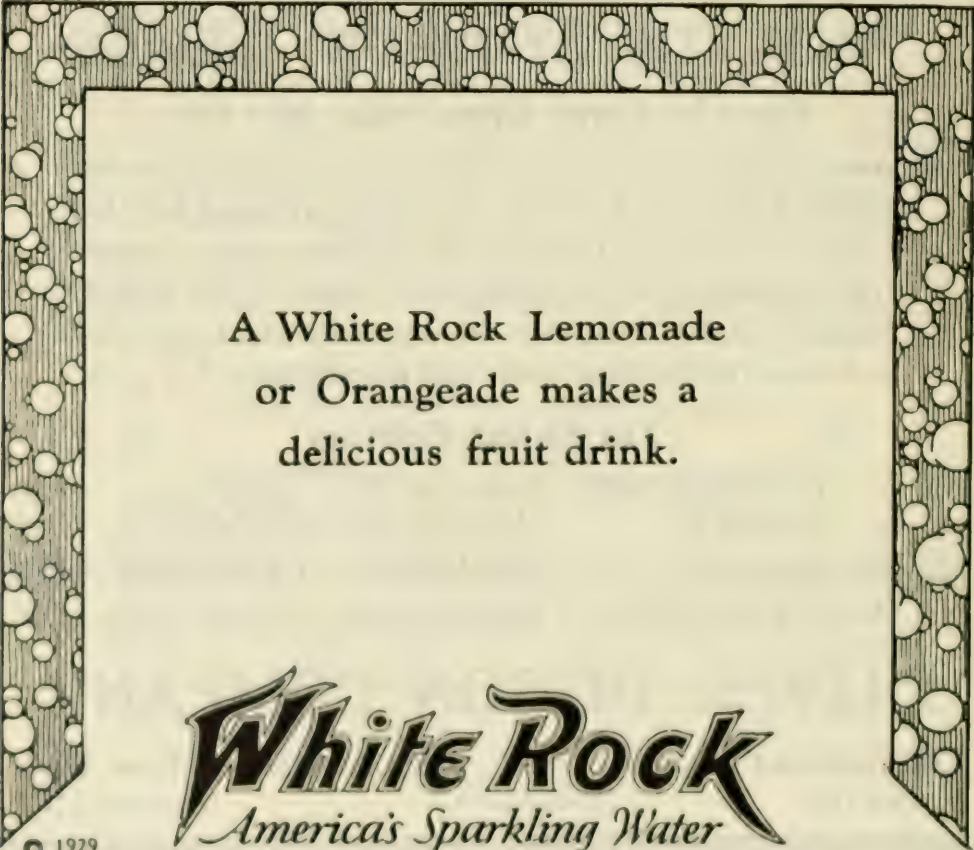
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He wrote it, according to one of his biographers, in a "cold, draughty garret, shared with his wife and dog, and while he had a raging toothache." On the other side of the sheet of paper which bears the earliest sketch is a fragment of a French chansonette.

Before this, as early as 1832, Wagner had written incidental music to Goethe's drama and numbered the set Op. 5. These pieces were: Soldiers' Chorus, Rustics under the Linden, Brander's Song, two songs of Mephistopheles, Gretchen's song, "Meine Ruh' ist hin," and melodrama for Gretchen. This music was intended for performance at Leipsic, where Wagner's sister, Johanna Rosalie (1803-37), the play-actress, as Gretchen, was greatly admired.*

*Some preferred her in this part to Schroeder-Devrient. Thus Laube wrote that he had never seen Gretchen played with such feeling: "For the first time the expression of her madness thrilled me to the marrow, and I soon discovered the reason. Most actresses exaggerate the madness into unnatural pathos. They declaim in a hollow, ghostly voice. Demoiselle Wagner used the same voice with which she had shortly before uttered her thoughts of love. This grewsome contrast produced the greatest effect." Rosalie married the writer, Dr. G. O. Marbach, in 1836.



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Wagner's purpose was to portray in music a soul "awearied of life, yet ever forced by his indwelling daemon to engage anew in life's endeavors." This purpose is clearly defined in the letters of Wagner to Liszt and Uhlig.

Wagner wrote to Liszt (January 30, 1848): "Mr. Halbert tells me you want my overture to Goethe's 'Faust.' As I know of no reason to withhold it from you, except that it does not please me any longer, I send it to you, because I think that in this matter the only important question is whether the overture pleases you. If the latter should be the case, dispose of my work; only I should like occasionally to have the manuscript back again."*

In 1852 Wagner reminded Liszt of the manuscript, hoped he had given it to a copyist, and added: "I have a mind to rewrite it a little and to publish it. Perhaps I shall get money for it." He reminded him again a month later. By Liszt's reply (October 7, 1852) it will

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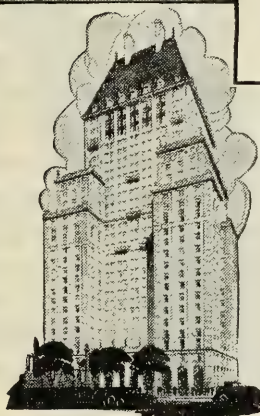
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Wagner answered (November 9, 1852): "You beautifully spotted the lie when I tried to make myself believe that I had written an overture to 'Faust.' You have felt quite justly what is wanting: the woman is wanting. Perhaps you would at once understand my tone-poem if I called it 'Faust in Solitude.' At that time I intended to write an entire 'Faust' symphony. The first movement, that which is ready, was this 'Solitary Faust,' longing, despairing, cursing. The 'feminine' floats around him as an object of his longing, but not in its divine reality; and it is just this insufficient image of his longing which he destroys in his despair. The second movement was to introduce Gretchen, the woman. I had a theme for her, but it was only a theme. The whole remains unfinished. I wrote my 'Flying Dutchman' instead. This is the whole explanation. If now, from a last remnant of weakness and vanity, I hesitate to abandon this 'Faust' work altogether, I shall certainly have to remodel it, but only as regards instrumental modulation. The theme which you desire I cannot introduce. This

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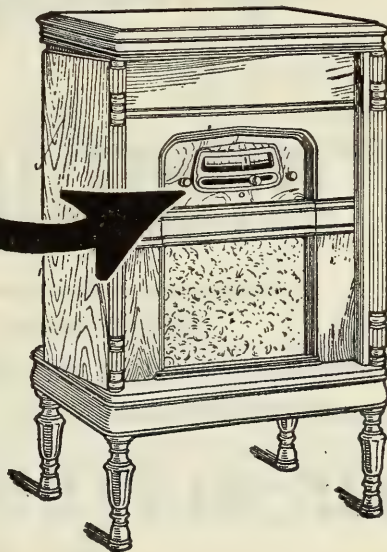
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would naturally involve an entirely new composition, for which I have no inclination. If I publish it, I shall give it its proper title, 'Faust in Solitude,' or 'The Solitary Faust: a Tone-poem for Orchestra.' "

Compare with this Wagner's letter to Theodor Uhlig (November 27, 1852): "Liszt's remark about the 'Faust' overture was as follows: he missed a second theme, which should more plastically represent 'Gretchen,' and therefore wished to see either such an one added, or the second theme of the overture modified. This was a thoroughly refined and correct expression of feeling from him, to whom I had submitted the composition as an 'Overture to the first part of Goethe's "Faust." '* So I was obliged to answer him that he had beautifully caught me in a lie when (without thought) I tried to make myself or him believe that I had written such an overture. But he would quickly understand me if I were to entitle the composition 'Faust in Solitude.' In fact, with this tone-poem I had in my mind only the first movement of a 'Faust' symphony: here Faust is the subject, and a woman hovers before him only as an indefinite, shapeless object of his yearning; as such, intangible and unattainable. Hence his despair, his curse on all the torturing semblance of the beautiful, his headlong plunge into the mad smart of sorcery. The *manifestation* of the woman was to take place only in the second part; this would have Gretchen for its subject, just as the first part, Faust. Already I had theme and mood for it: then—I gave the whole up, and—true to my nature—set to work at the 'Flying Dutchman,' with which I escaped from all the mist of instrumental music, into the clearness of the drama.

*This was the title of the overture when it was performed for the first time at Dresden.

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However, that composition is still not uninteresting to me; only, if one day I should publish it, it would have to be under the title, 'Faust in Solitude,' a tone-poem. (Curiously enough, I had already resolved upon this 'tone-poem' when you made so merry over that name—with which, however, I was forced to make shift for the occasion.)"

Wagner wrote to Liszt from Zürich (January 19, 1855), and congratulated him on the completion of his (Liszt's) "Faust" symphony: "It is an absurd coincidence that just at this time I have been taken with a desire to remodel my old 'Faust' overture. I have made an entirely new score, have rewritten the instrumentation throughout, have made many changes, and have given more expansion and importance to the middle portion (second motive). I shall give it in a few days at a concert here, under the title of 'A "Faust" Overture.' The motto will be:

Der Gott, der mir im Busen wohnt,
Kann tief mein Innerstes erregen;
Der über allen meinen Kräften thront,
Er kann nach aussen nichts bewegen;
Und so ist mir das Dasein eine Last,
Der Tod erwünscht, das Leben mir verhasst!

But I shall not publish it in any case."

This motto was retained. Englished by Charles T. Brooks, it runs:

The God who dwells within my soul
Can heave its depths at any hour;
Who holds o'er all my faculties control
Has o'er the outer world no power.
Existence lies a load upon my breast,
Life is a curse, and death a longed-for rest.

The revised overture was performed for the first time on January 23, 1855, at a concert of the Allgemeine Musikgesellschaft, Zürich. Wagner conducted, and had the intention of dedicating the overture to Mathilde Wesendonck. He concluded that the motto would depress

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her. So he sent her the score, with these words inscribed: "R. W. Zurich Jan. 17, 1855 in memory of his dear Wife,"—*zu Andenken S(einer) l(ieben) F(rau)!*

Wagner replied to a letter written by Liszt on January 25, 1855: "Herewith, dearest Franz, you receive my remodelled 'Faust' overture, which will appear very insignificant to you by the side of your 'Faust' symphony. To me the composition is interesting only on account of the time from which it dates; this reconstruction has again again endeared it to me; and, with regard to the latter, I am childish enough to ask you to compare it very carefully with the first version because I should like you to take cognizance of the effect of my experience and of the more refined feeling I have gained. In my opinion, new versions of this kind show most distinctly the spirit in which one has learned to work and the coarseness which one has cast off. You will be better pleased with the middle part. I was, of course, unable to introduce a new motive, because that would have involved a remodelling of almost the whole work; all I was able to do was to develop the sentiment a little more broadly, in the form of a kind of enlarged cadence. Gretchen of course could not be introduced, only Faust himself:

'Ein unbegreiflich holder Drang,
Trieb mich durch Wald und Wiesen hin,' etc.

The copying has, unfortunately, been done very badly, and probably there are many mistakes in it. If some one were to *pay me well* for it, I might still be inclined to publish it. Will you try the Härtels for me? A little money would be very welcome in London, so that I might the better be able to save something there. Please see to this."

Liszt approved the changes, and sent the score to the Härtels. "If you are satisfied with an honorarium of twenty louis d'or, write to me simply 'Yes,' and the full score and parts will soon be published. To a larger honorarium the Härtels would not agree."



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Wagner answered from London: "Let the Härtels have my 'Faust' overture by all means. If they could turn the twenty louis d'or into twenty pounds I should be glad. In any case, they ought to send the money here as soon as possible. I do not like to dun the Philharmonic for my fee, and therefore want money. . . . The publication of this overture is, no doubt, a weakness on my part, of which you will soon make me thoroughly ashamed by your 'Faust' symphony. But Härtel did not consent to the change of louis d'or into pounds. Wagner complained (May 26, 1855) of an "abominable arrangement" of the overture published by the same firm; he also spoke of wrong notes in manuscript score as well as in the arrangement. "You will remember," wrote Wagner, "that it was a copy which I sent to you for your own use, asking you to correct such errors as might occur in your mind, or else to have them corrected, because it would be tedious for me to revise the copy." At the end of 1855 or very early in 1856 Wagner wrote: "I also rejoice in the fiasco of my 'Faust' overture, because in it I see a purifying and wholesome punishment for having published the work in spite of my better judgment; the same religious feeling I had in London when I was bespattered with mud on all sides."

The manuscript score of the original edition is in the Liszt museum at Weimar. The manuscript of the revised edition is, or was, until a very recent date, at Wahnfried in Bayreuth.

The first performance of the overture in Paris was at a pasdeloup concert, March 6, 1870.

The first performance in the United States was at Boston, January 3, 1857, at a Philharmonic concert, Mr. Zerrahn conductor, in the Melodeon. The orchestra was made up of about thirty-five players. The music was then praised by John S. Dwight as "profound in sentiment, original in conception, logical in treatment, euphonious as well as bold in instrumentation, and marvellously interesting to the end." "It seemed," wrote Mr. Dwight, "to fully satisfy its end; it spoke of the restless mood, the baffled aspiration, the painful, tragic feeling of the infinite amid the petty, chafing limitations of this world which every soul has felt too keenly, just in proportion to the depth

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The first performance of the overture in New York was by the Philharmonic Society, Mr. Eisfeld conductor, January 10, 1857.

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The work, which is in the form of the classic overture, begins with a slow introduction, or exposition of almost the whole thematic material to be treated afterward in due course. *Sehr gehalten* (Assai sostenuto), D minor, 4-4. The opening phrase is given out by the bass tuba and double-basses in unison over a pianissimo roll of drums, and is answered by the violoncellos with a more rapid phrase. The violins then have a phrase which is a modification of the one with which the work begins, and in turn becomes the first theme of the Allegro. A cry from wind instruments follows, and is repeated a fourth higher. After development there is a staccato chord for full orchestra, and the main body of the overture begins. *Sehr bewegt* (Assai con moto), D minor, 2-2. There is a reappearance of the theme first heard, but in a modified form. It is given out by the first violins over harmonies in bassoons and horns, and the antithesis is for all the strings. After a fortissimo is reached, the cry of the wind instruments is again heard. There is a long development, in the course of which a subsidiary theme is given to the oboe. The second theme is a melody in F major for flute. The free fantasia is long and elaborate. The first entrance of trombones on the chord of the diminished seventh, accompanied fortissimo by the whole orchestra and followed by a chord of the second, once excited much discussion among theorists concerning the propriety of its resolution. The third part of the overture begins with a tumultuous return of the first theme; the development differs from that of the first part. The coda is long.



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Schumann was married to Clara Wieck, September 12, 1840, after doubts, anxieties, and opposition on the part of her father; after a nervous strain of three or four years. His happiness was great, but to say with some that this joy was the direct inspiration of the First Symphony would be to go against the direct evidence submitted by the composer. He wrote Ferdinand Wenzel: "It is not possible for me to think of the journal,"—the *Neue Zeitschrift für Musik*, founded by Schumann, Wieck, Schunke, and Knorr in 1834, and edited in 1841 by Schumann alone; "I have during the last days finished a task (at least in sketches) which filled me with happiness, and almost exhausted me. Think of it, a whole symphony—and, what is more, a Spring symphony: I, myself, can hardly believe that it is finished." And he said in a letter (November 23, 1842) to Spohr: "I wrote the symphony toward the end of the winter of 1841, and, if I may say so, in the vernal passion that sways men until they are very old, and surprises them again with each year. I do not wish to portray, to paint; but I believe firmly that the period in which the symphony was produced influenced its form and character, and shaped it as it is." He wrote to Wilhelm Taubert, who was to conduct the work in Berlin: "Could you infuse into your orchestra in the performance a sort of longing for the Spring, which I had chiefly in mind when I wrote in February, 1841? The first entrance of trumpets, this I should like to have sounded as though it were from high above, like unto a call to awakening; and then I should like reading between the lines, in the rest of the Introduction, how everywhere it begins to grow green, how a butterfly takes wing; and, in the Allegro, how little by little all things come that in any way belong to Spring. True, these are fantastic thoughts, which came to me after my work was finished; only I tell you this about the Finale, that I thought it as the good-bye of Spring."



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(It may here be noted that the symphony was fully sketched in four days, and that Schumann now speaks of composing the work in February, 1841, and now of writing it towards the end of that year.)

Berthold Litzmann, in the second volume of his "Clara Schumann" (Leipsic, 1906), gives interesting extracts from the common diary of Schumann and his wife, notes written while Schumann was composing this symphony.

Towards the end of December, 1840, she complained that Robert had been for some days "very cold toward her, yet the reason for it is a delightful one." On January 17-23, 1841, she wrote that it was not her week to keep the diary, "but, if a man is composing a symphony, it is not to be expected that he will do anything else. . . . The symphony is nearly finished. I have not yet heard a note of it, but I am exceedingly glad that Robert at last has started out in the field where, on account of this great imagination, he belongs." January 25: "To-day, Monday, Robert has nearly finished his symphony; it was composed chiefly at night—for some nights my poor Robert has not slept on account of it. He calls it 'Spring Symphony.' . . . A spring poem by . . . gave him the first impulse toward composition."

(Litzmann adds in a note that Schumann at first thought of mottoes for the four movements, "The Dawn of Spring," "Evening," "Joyful Playing," "Full Spring." Clara did not write out the poet Böttger's name in her diary.)

According to the diary Schumann completed the symphony on Tuesday, January 26. "Begun and finished in four days. . . . If there were only an orchestra for it right away. I must confess, my dear husband, I did not give you credit for such dexterity." Schumann began to work on the instrumentation January 27; Clara impatiently waited to hear a note of the symphony. The instrumentation of the first movement was completed February 4, that of the second and third movements on February 13, that of the fourth on February 20, in the year 1841. Not till February 14 did Schumann play the symphony to her. E. F. Wenzel, later a teacher at

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the Leipsic Conservatory, and E. Pfundt, a kettledrum player of the Gewandhaus orchestra, were present. "I should like," she wrote in her diary, "to say a little something about the symphony, yet I should not be able to speak of the little buds, the perfume of the violets, the fresh green leaves, the birds in the air. . . . Do not laugh at me, my dear husband! If I cannot express myself poetically, nevertheless the poetic breath of this work has stirred my very soul."

The instrumentation was completed on February 20.

Clara wrote to Emilie Liszt after the performance: "My husband's symphony achieved a triumph over all cabals and intrigues. . . . I never heard a symphony received with such applause."

Robert wrote in the diary some days before that his next symphony should be entitled "Clara; and I shall paint her therein with flutes, oboes, and harps."

It is a singular fact that Schumann himself makes no reference to a poem that undoubtedly influenced him in the composition of this symphony. In October, 1842, he gave his portrait, the one by Kriehuber, to Adolph Böttger, and he wrote as a dedication three measures of music with these words: "Beginning of a symphony inspired by a poem of Adolph Böttger: to the poet, in remembrance of Robert Schumann." The music was the opening theme given to horns and trumpets. Böttger said that the poem was:—

Du Geist der Wolke, trüb und schwer,
Fliegst drohend über Land und Meer.

Dein grauer Schleier deckt im Nu
Des Himmels klares Auge zu.

Dein Nebel wallt herauf von fern,
Und Nacht verhüllt der Liebe Stern:

Du Geist der Wolke, trüb and feucht,
Was hast Du all' mein Glück verscheucht?

Was rufst Du, Thränen in's Gesicht
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The original phrase given to trumpets and horns was written in an ineffective manner, as was revealed at the rehearsal of the symphony March 28, 1841, led by Mendelssohn: indeed, two of the tones could hardly be heard, on account of the character of the instruments then used. Schumann then put the opening measures a third higher. Nevertheless, Schumann told Verhulst in 1853 that he was sorry he changed the theme. After that Verhulst used the original version whenever he conducted the symphony.

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The symphony was first performed, from manuscript, at a concert given by Clara Schumann for the benefit of the Orchestra Pension Fund in the hall of the Gewandhaus, Leipsic, March 31, 1841. Mendelssohn conducted.

The melophone was a forerunner of the modern reed organ. It was invented in 1837 by Leclerc, a watchmaker of Paris, and was in the form of a huge guitar. The right hand acted as blower. Halévy used the instrument in his opera, "Guido et Ginevra" (Paris, 1838).

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On August 13, 1841, the symphony was played in the Gewandhaus, that corrections might be made for publication. The parts were published in September, 1841, and the first proofs came on September 13, Clara Schumann's birthday and the baptismal day of

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On the programme of the concert in which the symphony was performed for the first time the movements were thus indicated:

Introduzione und Allegro vivace.

Larghetto und Scherzo.

Allegro animato.

. . .

The first performance in New York was by the Philharmonic Society, April 23, 1853, led by Theodore Eisfeld.

The first performance in Boston was a little earlier, January 15, 1853, by the Musical Fund Society, Mr. Suck conductor. The score itself, however, was known here before that date. Mr. William Mason heard a performance at the Gewandhaus in Leipsic: "I was so wrought up by it that I hummed passages from it as I walked home, and sat down at the piano when I got there, and played as much of it as I could remember. I hardly slept that night for the excitement of it. . . . I grew so enthusiastic over the symphony that I sent the score and parts to the Musical Fund Society of Boston, the only concert orchestra then in that city, and conducted by Mr. Webb. They could make nothing of the symphony, and it lay on the shelf for one or two years. Then they tried it again, saw something in it, but somehow could not get the swing of it, possibly on account of the syncopations. Be-

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fore my return from Europe, in 1854, I think they finally played it. In speaking of it, Mr. Webb said to my father: 'Yes, it is interesting; but in our next concert we play Haydn's "Surprise Symphony," and that will live long after this symphony of Schumann's is forgotten.' Many years afterward I reminded Mr. Webb of this remark, whereupon he said, 'William, is it possible that I was so foolish?' " ("Memories of a Musical Life," by William Mason, New York, 1901, pp. 40, 41.)

. . .

The first performance of this symphony by the Boston Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Georg Henschel on March 4, 1882.

The score is for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, a set of three kettledrums, triangle (in the first movement), and strings. It is dedicated to Friedrich August, King of Saxony.

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- II. Larghetto, E-flat major, 3-8.
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The title is sometimes translated "A Legend," but a "saga" is properly "any of the narrative compositions in prose that were written in Iceland or Norway during the Middle Ages; in English use often applied specifically to those which embody the traditional history of Icelandic families or of the kings of Norway"; or in a transferred sense, "a narrative having the real or supposed characteristics of the Icelandic sagas; a story of heroic achievement or marvellous adventure." The use of the word to denote "a story



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popularly believed to be matter-of-fact, which has been developed by gradual accretions in the course of ages, and has been handed down by oral tradition," is incorrect, nor is any historical or heroic legend necessarily a saga.

This tone-poem has neither motto nor argument. Mrs. Newmarch, who has written sympathetically about Sibelius, says of "En Saga":

"Unfortunately, it belongs to that baffling and unsatisfactory class of symphonic poems which composers issue to the world without any frank indication of their literary basis. The music certainly suggests the recital of some old tale in which the heroic and pathetic elements are skillfully blended, while the title indicates that it belongs to Scandinavian rather than to Finnish history. . . .

"The episode with which 'En Saga' closes, a clarinet solo accompanied by muted strings, and an almost inaudible roll of the cymbals, which are struck with the drumsticks, belongs undoubtedly to the most effective pages Sibelius has ever written. The absence of tympani is a peculiar feature of this work."

Dr. Walter Niemann has a more definite idea of the work. He apparently believes that it is a story of Finland. The following translation from Dr. Niemann's German was made for a programme book of the Chicago Orchestra, probably by Hubbard William Harris, who was at the time the editor of those books:

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INTRODUCTION—DANCE OF THE APPRENTICES—ASSEMBLAGE OF THE
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(Born at Leipzig, May 22, 1813; died at Venice, February 13, 1883)

"Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" was performed for the first time at the Royal Court Theatre, Munich, on June 21, 1868. †

The idea of the opera occurred to Wagner at Marienbad in 1845. His first sketch was made at Dresden in 1845. The scenario then sketched differed widely from the one adopted. The libretto was

*Dr. Niemann's "Die Musik Skandinaviens," dedicated to Grieg, was published at Leipzig in 1906.

†The chief singers at this first performance at the Royal Court Theatre, Munich, were Betz, Hans Sachs; Bausewein, Pogner; Hölzel, Beckmesser; Schlosser, David; Nachbaur, Walther von Stolzing; Miss Mallinger, Eva; Mme. Diez, Magdalene. The first performance in the United States was at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, January 4, 1886: Emil Fischer, Sachs; Joseph Staudigl, Pogner; Otto Kemnitz, Beckmesser; Krämer, David; Albert Stritt, Walther von Stolzing; Auguste Krauss (Mrs. Anton Seidl), Eva; Marianne Brandt, Magdalene. The first performance in Boston was at the Boston Theatre, April 8, 1889, with Fischer, Sachs; Beck, Pogner; Modlinger, Beckmesser; Sedlmayer, David; Alvary, Walther von Stolzing; Kaschotka, Eva; Reil, Magdalene. Singers from the Orpheus Club of Boston assisted in the choruses of the third act. Anton Seidl conducted.

completed at Paris in 1861. Wagner worked at Biebrich in 1862 on the music. The score was finished on October 20, 1867.

The prelude to Act III begins with a slow unison passage for violoncellos—a theme associated with the character of Hans Sachs. The second phrase is made the subject of a quasi-fugal exposition in the strings. This passage, *Etwas gedehnt* (un poco largo), G minor, 4-4, is followed by measures in G major, the choral greeting to Sachs, sung as the poet appears as a judge in the singing contest (Act III). This greeting is here in full harmony for bassoons, horns, trumpets, trombones, and bass tuba. The strings interrupt by playing passages based on phrases from Sachs's cobbler song and the Sachs motive heard at the beginning of the Prelude, and end with some reminiscences (violins) of Walther's Spring Song in Act I. The aforesaid wind instruments now give out the second half of the greeting to Sachs. The orchestra then developes polyphonically the Sachs motive. There is a diminuendo which fades away in violins, violas, and violoncellos, with a final reference to the cobbler's song.

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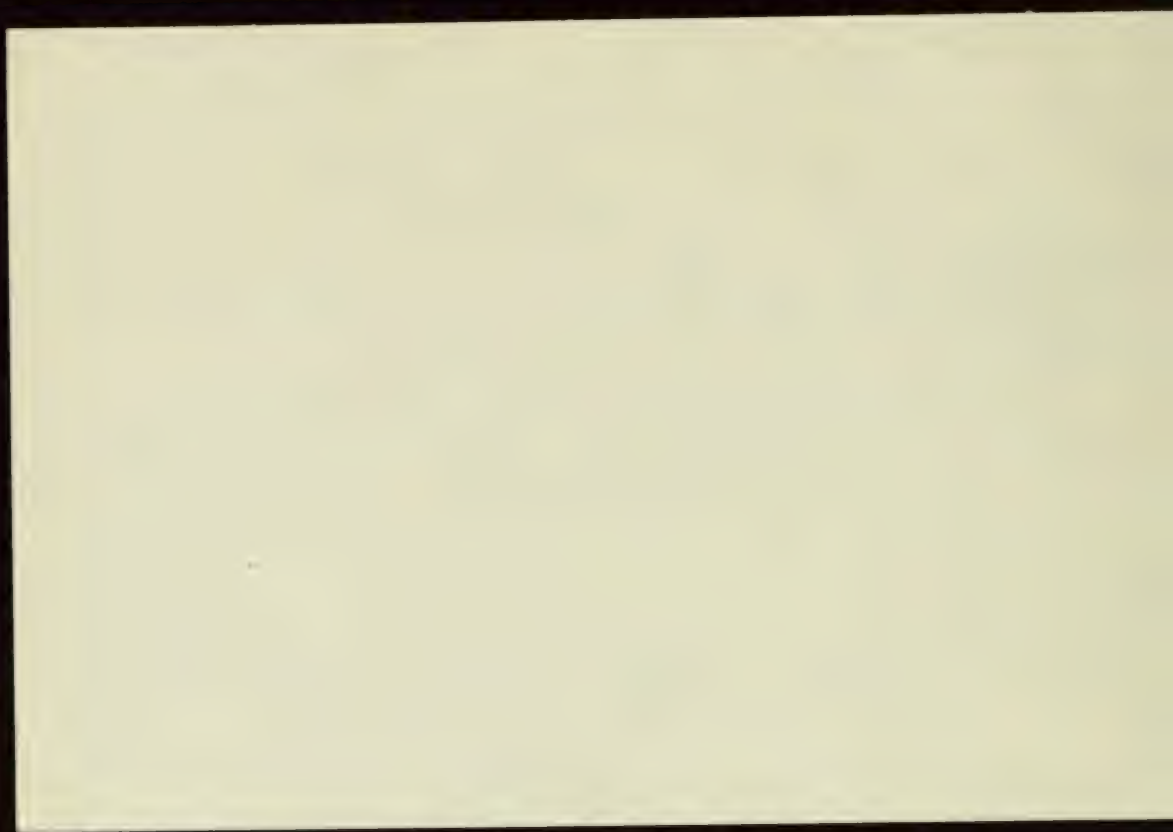
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1738,—also of the music to Dryden's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (November 22).

Romain Rolland, discussing the form concerto grosso, which consists essentially of a dialogue between a group of soloists, the *concertino* (trio of two solo violins and solo bass with cembalo*) and the chorus of instruments, concerto grosso, believes that Handel at Rome in 1708 was impressed by Corelli's works in this field, for several of his concertos of Opus 3 are dated 1710, 1716, 1722. Geminiani introduced the concerto into England,—three volumes appeared in 1732, 1735, 1748,—and he was a friend of Handel.

Handel's concertos of this set that have five movements are either in the form of a sonata with an introduction and a postlude (as Nos. 1 and 6); or in the form of the symphonic overture with the slow movements in the middle, and a dance movement, or an allegro closely resembling a dance, for a finale (as Nos. 7, 11, and 12); or a series of three movements from larghetto to allegro, which is followed by two dance movements (as No. 3).

The seven parts are thus indicated by Handel in book of parts: Violino primo concerto, Violino secondo concertino, Violino primo ripieno, Violino secondo ripieno, viola, violoncello, bass continuo.

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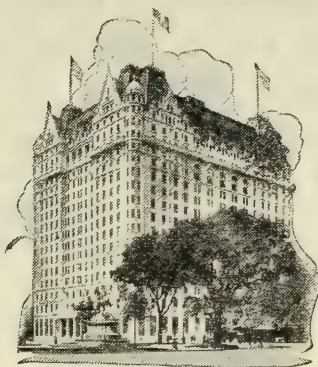
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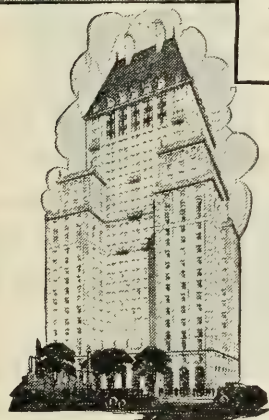
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This Prelude, which illustrates the coming of dawn over the Red Square in the Kremlin at Moscow, is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, kettle-drums, harp, tam-tam, and strings. The Prelude was performed for the first time in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 24, 1924, Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor.

The opera, which has for its subject the conflict between Old and New Russia at the end of the seventeenth century, was suggested to Moussorgsky by his friend Vladimir Stassov, the celebrated wit and music critic (1824-1906). "It seemed to me," Stassov wrote in 1872,

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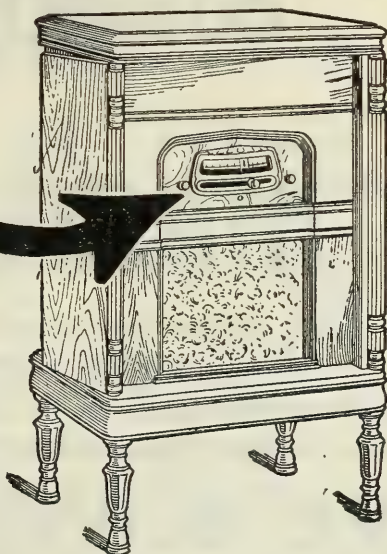
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Oskar von Rieseemann tells us that, in preparation for the opera, Moussorgsky “devoted himself to researches into the sectarian disputes of Old Russia and pored for months over the old chronicles

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in the monasteries of Moscow." (It was not until the summer of 1859 that he was able to see Moscow.)

"Khovanstchina" (accent on the first *a*) is a word of little meaning. "The last syllables are only a contemptuous suffix in Russian, like 'ery' in English," says Riesemann. "When the young Tsar Petro (not yet 'the Great' was told of a plot that the two Princes Khovansky had formed against him, with the design of seizing on the crown of the Russian Tsardom, he dismissed the whole affair with a contemptuous shrug, and the word, 'Khovanstchina!' and gave orders to let the matter drop. The 'dropping' meant that the two Princes Khovansky, father and son, were publicly hanged; but otherwise the conspiracy had no further result. So far as the Russian Empire was concerned, Moussorgsky, however, did not keep to historical facts in the dénouement of his opera.

Moussorgsky completed the first act in the summer of 1875. He had been hindered by his official duties, the troubles attending the production of "Boris Godounov," and he already had plans for the comic opera "The Fair at Sorotchintzy," in his head. He had also written some of his best works in this period. He had to work out the whole dramatic scheme of "Khovanstchina" and write every line of his libretto. The second act was ready in December, 1875, with the exception of a quintet. In 1876 he wrote, "I find a great deal of it not what it ought to be." The third act was completed in May, 1876. Scenes in the fourth act are dated 1879-1880. There were sketches for the fifth as early as 1873, but they were worked out and put together only a few months before his death.

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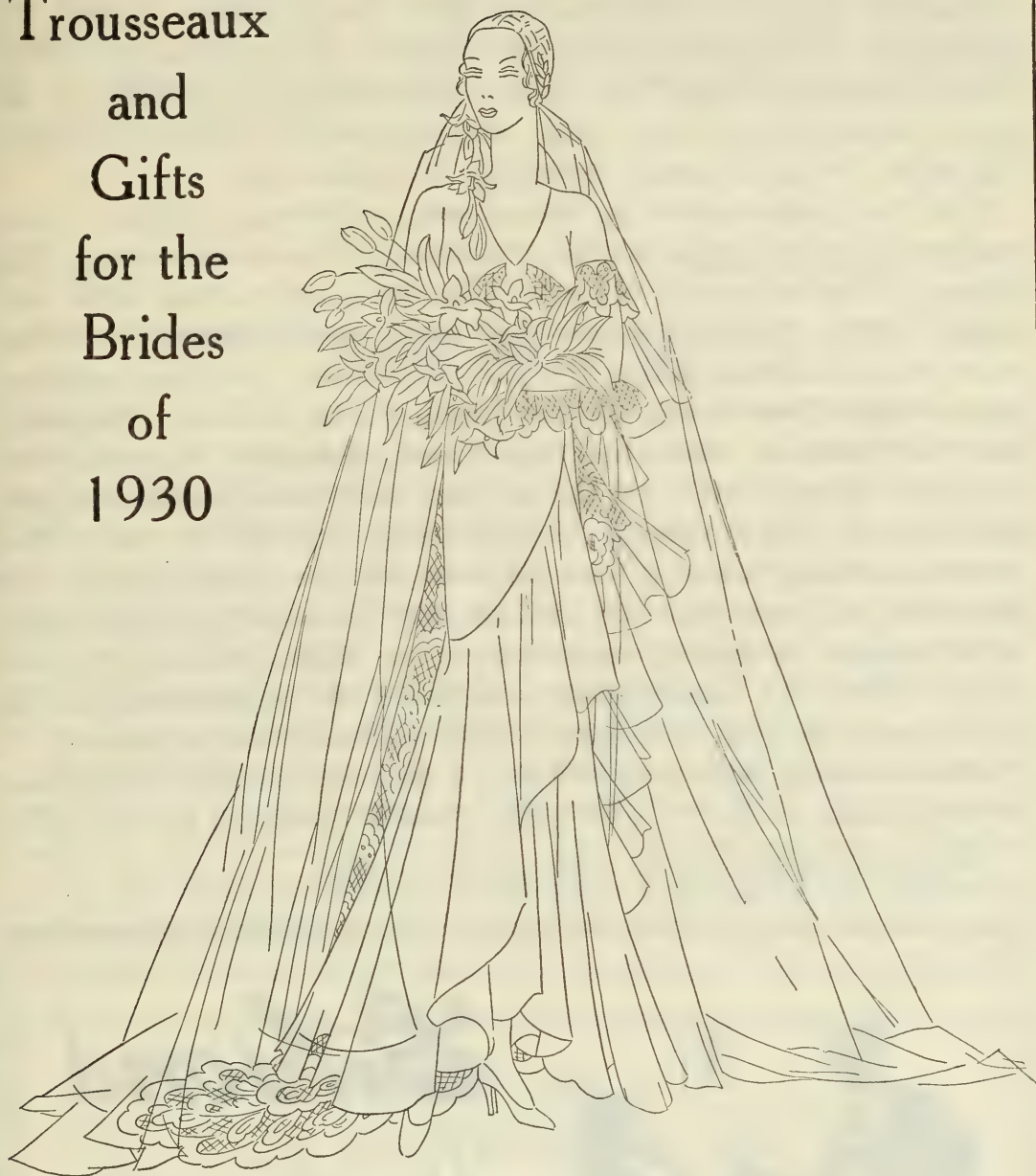
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The first performance in Russia was in February, 1886,* by an amateur company in Leningrad, the Musical-Dramatic Society. The Imperial Theatre would not even consider a production until February, 1911. The production took place on November 7 of that year, with Chaliapin taking the part of Dosifei. The first performance outside Russia was at the Opéra, Paris, in 1913. Diaghilev was the producer, declaring that Rimsky-Korsakov had left "not one stone on another." Of the original work he entrusted the preparation of a new version to Stravinsky and Ravel: "It was a failure—nothing has ever been heard of the new version since. All that was published was the final chorus, rewritten by Stravinsky, which shows no special improvement on Rimsky-Korsakov's version." When Dr. Koussevitzky conducted the performance at the Paris Opéra in 1923, Rimsky-Korsakov's version was reinstated.

Moscow heard the opera in 1897; a Russian company performed it in London on July 1, 1913; Sir Thomas Beecham revived it in

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The "Dance of Persian Women" from the opera was performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on October 30, 1925. The first performance in the United States was by the Russian Symphony Society, Modest Altschuler conductor, on February 25, 1905.

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

The first performance in the United States of this Bolero as a concert piece was by the Philharmonic Society of New York, Mr. Toscanini conductor, on November 14, 1929. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on December 6, 1929.

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which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a “tornado of sound.”

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of “Valencia,” had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.

Ravel’s Bolero calls for these instruments: piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, oboe d’amour, English horn, two clarinets, one E-flat clarinet, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, three saxophones, kettledrums, side drums, cymbals, tam-tam, celesta, harp, and the usual strings.

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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czerwinski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not



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Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

The name "Bolero" or "Volero" is supposed by some to come from *volar*, to fly, "because a Manchega expert had danced the Seguidillas so wonderfully and lightly that he seemed to fly." Is the Bolero the outcome of the Seguidillas? When the Bolero or Fandango is danced as a ballet by eight persons, it is usually called the Seguidillas.

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The Bolero is to be found in some operas, as in Auber's "La Muette di Portici" ("Masaniello"), Act I, Scene 3, Allegretto moderato, C major, 3-4; Méhul's "Les deux Aveugles de Tolède"; Weber's stage music for "Preciosa." Perhaps the most famous Bolero in opera is that sung by the Duchess Hélène in the fifth act of Verdi's "Vêpres Siciliennes" (Allegro, A minor—A major, 3-4), sung first in Paris by Mme. Cruvelli; in Boston by Mme. Colson, when Verdi's opera was first performed here on January 2, 1860—this Bolero has often been sung here in concert halls. There are Boleros for orchestra by Alexandra Josifovna, Grand Duchess of Russia; T. A. Kui, J. L. Nicode, Pachulski; songs by Gounod, Lacome d'Estalens; piano pieces, of which Chopin's is the best known, although it has little true Spanish character, and might be called a *Boléro à la Polonaise*. Nevertheless Chopin received 500 francs for it when it was published as a "Souvenir d'Andalousie."

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The Bolero has been noticed by English poets. Byron, in a song intended for the first canto of "Childe Harold," but replaced (Verse LXXXIV) by the lines "To Inez," wrote in praise of the lovely girl of Cadiz:



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Thomas Hood introduced the dance in his "Drinking Song," by a member of a Temperance Society, as sung by Mr. Spring at Waterman's Hall:

The vintage, they cry, think of Spain's and of France's,
 The jigs, he boleros, fandangos and jumps;
 But water's the spring of all civilized dances,
 We go to a ball not in bottles, but *pumps*!
 Then hey for a bucket, a bucket, a bucket,
 Then hey for a bucket, filled up to the brim!
 Or, best of all notions, let's have it by oceans,
 With plenty of room for a sink or a swim!

William Beckford, for his delightful "Italy, with Sketches of Portugal and Spain," delightful for its malice and cynicism as well as for the graphic description of scenery, cities, men, women, and manners, did not hesitate to coin the verb "to bolero": "Thirteen or fourteen couples started and boleroed and fandangoed away upon a thick carpet for an hour or two, without intermission. There are scarcely any boarded floors in Madrid; so the custom of dancing upon rugs is universally established"* (Vol. II, Letter XVI).

He himself, at Señor Pacheco's at Madrid, danced a bolero, snapping his fingers and stamping his feet, while twenty voices accompanied with "its appropriate words" in full chorus; but he admits that he committed solecisms in good dancing at every step. "I am more than apt to conjecture we were but very slightly entitled to any applause; yet the transports we called forth were as fervid as those the famous Le Pique excited at Naples, in the zenith of his popularity." At last the Duchess of Ossuna, the patroness of the composer Boccherini, said to Beckford, in the plainest language: "You are making the greatest fool of yourself I ever beheld; and as to those riotous self-taught hoydens,

*Beckford's Letters from Spain were written in 1785, 1787, and 1795. They were first published in 1834.

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your partners, I tell you what, they are scarcely worthy to figure in the third rank at a second-rate theatre."

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and especially of the most typical type, called flamenco, lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."* He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals, beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless. The sharp, spirit-stirring click is heard behind the scenes—the effect is instantaneous—it creates life under the ribs of death—it silences the

*"Gatherings from Spain" was published in 1846.—P. H.

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tongues of countless women—*on n'écoute que le ballet*. The curtain draws up; the bounding pair dart forward from the opposite sides like two separated lovers, who, after long search, have found each other again, nor do they seem to think of the public, but only of each other; the glitter of the gossamer costume of the Majo and Maja seems invented for this Dance—the sparkle of the gold lace and silver filigree adds to the lightness of their motions; the transparent, form-designing *saya* of the lady heightens the charms of a faultless symmetry which it fain would conceal; no cruel stays fetter her serpentine flexibility. They pause—bend forward an instant—prove their supple limbs* and arms; the band strikes up, they turn fondly towards each other, and start into life. . . . The accompaniment of the castanet gives employment to their upraised arms. '*C'est,*' say the French, '*le pantomime d'amour.*' The enamored youth persecutes the coy, coquettish maiden; who shall describe the advances—her timid retreat; his eager pursuit, like Apollo chasing Daphne? Now they gaze on each other; now all is life, love, and action; now there is a pause. They stop motionless at a moment, and grow into the earth. It carries all before it. There is a truth which overpowers the fastidious judgment. Away, then, with the studied grace of the French danseuse, beautiful but artificial, cold and selfish as is the flicker of her love, compared to the real impassioned abandon of the daughters of the South. There is nothing indecent in this dance; no one is tired or the worse for it; indeed, its only fault is its being too short, for, as Molière says, '*Un ballet ne saurait être trop long, pourvu que la morale soit bonne, et la métaphysique bien entendue.*' Notwithstanding this most profound remark, the Toledan clergy, out of mere jealousy, wished to put the Bolero down, on the pretense of immorality. The dancers were allowed in evidence to give a view to the court; when they began, the bench and bar showed symptoms of recklessness, and, at last, casting aside gowns and briefs, both joined, as if tarantula-bitten, in the irresistible capering. Verdict, for the defendant with costs."

In 1882, Emmanuel Chabrier journeyed in Spain. The result was

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his superb orchestral rhapsody "España." He wrote to his publisher Costellat letters descriptive of the dances he saw in the Andalusian *bailes*, where the "upper classes" were not to be seen. These letters about the authentic Spanish dances were published in the Music Review S. I. M. (January 15, February 15, 1909). Extracts from them are given in Georges Servières' life of Chabrier: "Two guitarists, solemn, cigarette between the lips, continue to scratch no matter what, in three time. (Only the tango is in duple time.) The cries of the woman excite the dancer, who becomes literally mad of her body" (these dancers were gypsies in Seville). Chabrier spoke of the spectators clapping their hands in 3-4 *à contretemps*, while the guitar followed peacefully its own rhythm. "As others beat time *forte* with each measure, each one beating a little at will, there was a most curious amalgamation of rhythms."

Then there are Théophile Gautier's descriptions of Spanish dancers; and in the five volumes of his theatrical criticisms, eloquent studies of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis's chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the "Escenas Andaluzas" (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for "the deeper significance of Spanish dancing" to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in "Hampa" (1898).

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Chamber music, choral works, pianoforte pieces, and songs had made Brahms famous before he allowed his first symphony to be played. The symphony in C minor was performed for the first time at Carlsruhe on November 4, 1876, from manuscript with Dessoff as conductor. Kirchner wrote in a letter to Marie Lipsius that he had talked about this symphony in 1863 or 1864 with Mme. Clara Schumann, who then showed him fragments of it. No one knew, it is said, of the existence of a second symphony before it was completed.

The second symphony, D major, was composed, probably at Pörtschach-am-See, in the summer of 1877, the year that saw the publication of the first. Brahms wrote Dr. Billroth in September of that year: "I do not know whether I have a pretty symphony; I must inquire of skilled persons." He referred to Clara Schumann, Dessoff, and Ernst Frank. On September 19, Mme. Schumann wrote that he had written out the first movement. Early in October he played it to her, also a portion of the finale. The symphony was played by Brahms and Ignaz Brüll as a pianoforte duet (arranged by the composer) to invited guests at the pianoforte house of his friend Ehrbar in Vienna a few days before the announced date of the orchestral performance, December 11, 1877. Through force of circumstances the symphony was played for the first time in public at the succeeding Philharmonic concert of December 30.* Hans Richter conducted. The second performance, conducted by Brahms, was at the Gewandhaus, Leipsic, on January 10, 1878.

The review written by Eduard Hanslick after the performance

*Reimann, in his *Life of Brahms*, gives January 10, 1878, as the date, and says Brahms conducted. The date given in Erb's "Brahms" is December 24, 1877. Kalbeck, Deiters, and Miss May give December 30, 1877, although contemporaneous journals, as the *Signale*, say December 20, 1877.

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"The character of this symphony may be described concisely as peaceful, tender, but not effeminate; serenity, which on the one side is quickened to joyous humor and on the other is deepened to meditative seriousness. The first movement begins immediately with a mellow and dusky horn theme. It has something of the character of the serenade, and this impression is strengthened still further in the scherzo and the finale. The first movement, an Allegro moderato, in 3-4, immerses us in a clear wave of melody, upon which we rest, swayed, refreshed, undisturbed by two slight Mendelssohnian reminiscences which emerge before us. The last

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fifty measures of this movement expire in flashes of new melodic beauty. A broad singing Adagio in B major follows, which, as it appears to me, is more conspicuous for the skilful development of the themes than for the worth of the themes themselves. For this reason, undoubtedly, it makes a less profound impression upon the public than do the other movements. The scherzo is thoroughly delightful in its graceful movement in minuet tempo. It is twice interrupted by a Presto in 2-4, which flashes, spark-like, for a moment. The finale in D, 4-4, more vivacious, but always agreeable in its golden serenity, is widely removed from the stormy finales of the modern school. Mozartian blood flows in its veins.

"This symphony is a contrast rather than a companion to the first motives which, however, slumber there as flowers beneath the snow, or float as distant points of light beyond the clouds. It is true that the second symphony contains no movement of such noble pathos as the finale of the first. On the other hand, in its uniform coloring and its sunny clearness, it is an advance upon the first, and one that is not to be underestimated.

"Brahms has this time fortunately repressed his noble but dangerous inclination to conceal his ideas under a web of polyphony or to cover them with lines of contrapuntal intersection; and if the thematic development in the second symphony appears less remarkable than that in the first, the themes themselves seem more flowing, more spontaneous, and their development seems more natural, more pellucid, and therefore more effective. We cannot, therefore, proclaim too loudly our joy that Brahms, after he had given intense expression in his first symphony to Faust-like conflicts of the soul, has now in his second returned to the earth,—the earth that laughs and blossoms in the vernal months."

Yet some may prefer this short sketch by Hugues Imbert (1842–1905), one of the first in France to admire Brahms:

"The second symphony, which was played at a Popular Concert in Paris, November 21, 1880, and at the Paris Conservatory Concert of December 19 of the same year, does not in any way deserve the reproach made against it by Victorin Joncières,—that it is full of

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WAGNER		
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Eugene Goossens was the guest conductor of the third concert January 21

brushwood. Nor should it incur the reproach made by Arthur Pougin,—that it is childish! It is true that the first movement contains some dissonances which, after a first hearing, are piquant and not at all disagreeable. The peroration, the last fifty measures of this Allegro, is of a pathetic serenity, which may be compared with that of the first movement of the two sextets for strings. The Adagio is built according to the plan of adagios in the last quartets of Beethoven—an idea, tinged with the deepest melancholy, is led about in varying tonalities and rhythms. The scherzo is one of the most delightful caprices imaginable. The first trio, with its biting staccati, and the second, with its rapid movement, are only the mother-idea of the scherzo, lightened and flung at full speed. Unity, which is unjustly denied Brahms, is still more strikingly observed in the finale, an admirable masterpiece.”

Certain German critics in their estimate of Brahms have exhausted themselves in comparison and metaphor. One claims that, as Beethoven's fourth symphony is to his “Eroica,” so is Brahms's second to his first: the one in C minor is epic, the one in D major is a fairy-tale. When Bülow wrote that Brahms was an heir of Cherubini, he referred to the delicate filigree work shown in the finale of the second. Felix Weingartner whose “Die Symphonie nach Beethoven” (Berlin, 1898)* is a pamphlet of singularly acute and discriminative criticism, coolly says that the second is far superior to the first: “The stream of invention has never flowed so fresh and spontaneous in other works by Brahms, and nowhere else has he colored his orchestration so successfully.” And after a eulogy of the movements he puts the symphony among the very best of the new classic school since the death of Beethoven,—“far above all the symphonies of Schumann.”

This symphony was first played in Boston at a concert of the Harvard Musical Association, January 9, 1879. It was then considered as perplexing and cryptic. John Sullivan Dwight probably voiced the prevailing opinion when he declared he could conceive of Sterndale Bennett writing a better symphony than the one by Brahms in D major.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, and strings.



The second symphony was naturally more warmly received at first in Vienna than was its predecessor. “It was of ‘a more attractive character,’ more ‘understandable,’ than its predecessor. It was to be preferred, too, inasmuch as the composer had not this time ‘entered the lists with Beethoven.’ The third movement was especially praised for its ‘original melody and rhythms.’ The work might be appropriately termed the ‘Vienna Symphony,’ reflecting as it did, ‘the fresh, healthy life to be found in beautiful Vienna.’” But Florence May, in her life of Brahms,† says the second symphony

*A second and somewhat revised edition was published in 1901. The second edition has been translated into English by Arthur Bleg.

†“The Life of Johannes Brahms,” by Florence May, in two volumes, London, 1905.

was not liked: "The audience maintained an attitude of polite cordiality throughout the performance of the symphony, courteously applauding between the movements and recalling the master at the end; but the enthusiasm of personal friends was not this time able to kindle any corresponding warmth in the bulk of the audience. or even to cover the general consciousness of the fact. The most favorable of the press notices damned the work with faint praise. and Dörffel, whom we quote here and elsewhere, because he alone of the professional Leipsic critics of the seventies seems to have been imbued with a sense of Brahms's artistic greatness, showed himself quite angry from disappointment. 'The Viennese,' he wrote, 'are much more easily satisfied than we.' We make quite different demands on Brahms and require from him music which is something more than 'pretty' and 'very pretty' when he comes before us as a symphonist. Not that we do not wish to hear him in his complaisant moods, not that we disdain to accept from him pictures of real life, but we desire always to contemplate his genius, whether he displays it in a manner of his own or depends on that of Beethoven. We have not discovered genius in the new symphony, and should hardly have guessed it to be the work of Brahms had it been performed anonymously. We should have recognized the great mastery of form, the extremely skilful handling of the material, the conspicuous power of construction, in short, which it displays, but should not have described it as pre-eminently distinguished by inventive power. We should have pronounced the work to be one

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Handel . . . Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra, Op. 6, No. 10
Overture—Allegro; Air: Lento; Allegro moderato; Allegro.

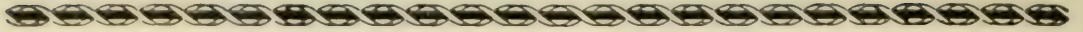
Debussy . . . "La Mer," Trois Esquisses Symphoniques
I. De l'Aube à midi sur la mer (From Dawn till Noon on the Ocean).
II. Jeux de Vagues (Play of the Waves).
III. Dialogue du Vent et de la Mer (Dialogue of Wind and Sea).

Sibelius . . . Symphony No. 2, in D major, Op. 43
I. Allegretto.
II. Tempo andante ma rubato.
III. Vivacissimo; Lento e suave.
IV. Finale: Allegro moderato.

There will be an intermission of ten minutes before the symphony.



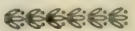
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*This was the little house, No. 25 Lower Brook Street (now Brook Street), in which Handel lived from 1725 until his death. Here he composed the "Messiah," "Saul," and other oratorios. "After his death his valet rented the house and made the most of Handel's long residence to secure lodgers." "Sydney Smith lived in this house in 1835" (George H. Cunningham's "London." Handel lived for three years in Old Burlington House, erected by the third Earl of Burlington, amateur architect and friend of Pope.) In the rate-book of 1725 Handel was named owner, and the house rated at £35 a year. Mr. W. H. Cummins, about 1903, visiting this house, found a cast-lead cistern, on the front of which in bold relief was "1721. G. F. H." The house had then been in possession of a family about seventy years, and various structural alterations had been made. A back room on the first floor was said to have been Handel's composition-room.

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The year 1739, in which these concertos were composed, was the year of the first performance of Handel's "Saul" (January 16) and "Israel in Egypt" (April 4),—both oratorios were composed in 1738,—also of the music to Dryden's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (November 22).

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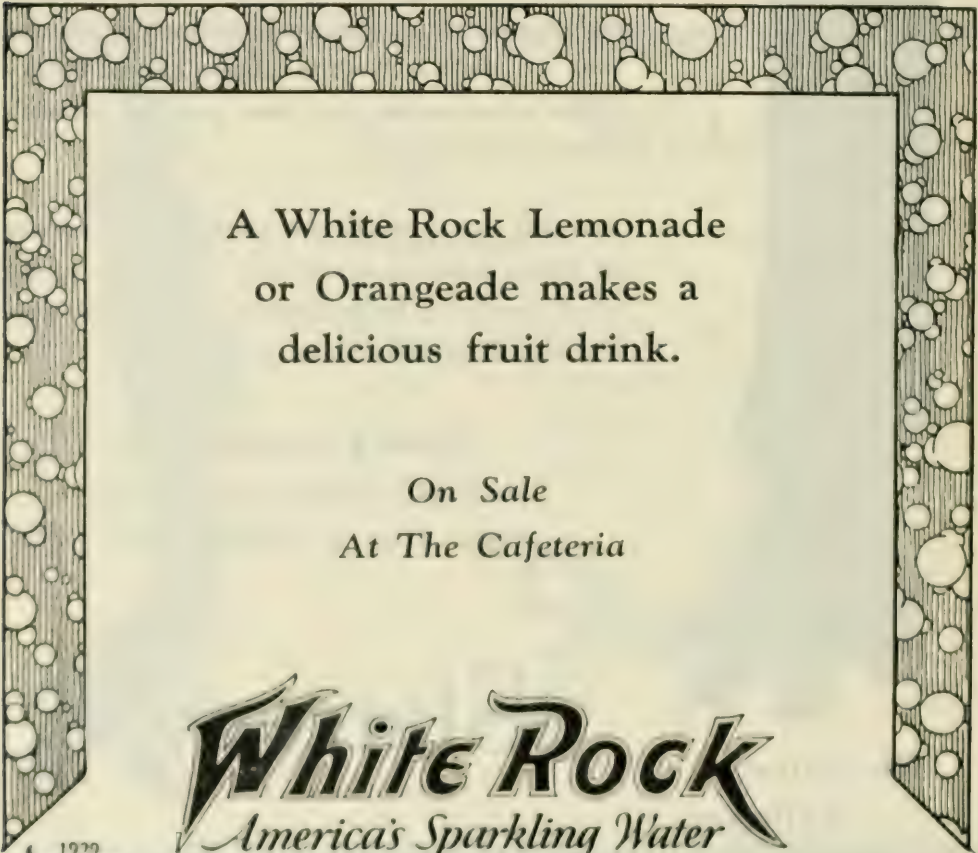
The seven parts are thus indicated by Handel in book of parts: Violino primo concerto, Violino secondo concertino, Violino primo ripieno, Violino secondo ripieno, viola, violoncello, bass continuo.

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(Born at Saint-Germain (Seine and Oise), France, August 22, 1862; died at Paris, March 26, 1918)

These orchestral pieces ("La Mer: De l'aube à midi sur la mer; II, Jeux de Vagues; III, Dialogue du vent et de la mer—trois esquisses symphoniques") were performed for the first time at a Lamoureux concert in Paris, October 15, 1905. The concert, the first of the season of 1905-06, was also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Concerts Lamoureux. Camille Chevillard conducted.

Debussy wrote in August, 1903, from Bichain to his publisher Jacques Durand that he was at work on "La Mer." "If God will be good to me, the work will be in a very advanced state on my return [to Paris]." He wrote later that the sketches would have these titles; "Mer belle aux Iles Sanguinaires"; "Jeux de Vagues"; "Le vent fait danser la mer"; and in September he said the work was intended for Chevillard. In September, 1904, he wrote from Dieppe, "I wanted to finish 'La Mer' here, but I must still work on the orchestration, which is as tumultuous and varied as the—sea (with all my excuses to the latter)." In January, 1905, he was not sure that the title, "De l'aube à midi sur la mer" would do: "So many contradictory things are dancing in my head, and this last attack

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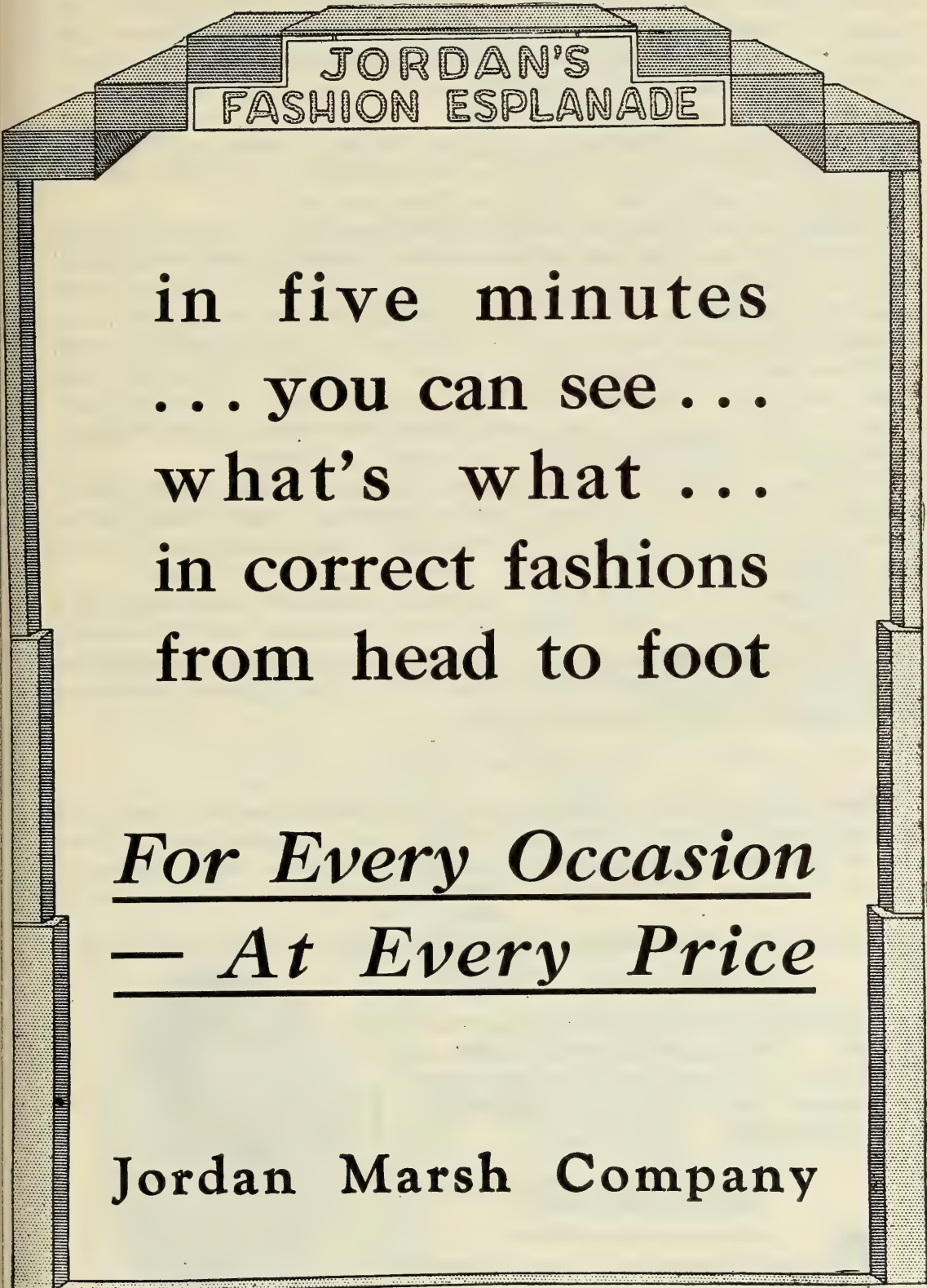
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of grippe has added its particular dance." He also wrote that he had remade the end of "Jeu de Vagues." He was disturbed because Chevillard spoke of the difficulties in the music, but if he gave the score to Colonne there might be a row. In July and September, 1905, he complained of "very curious corrections" made by some one in the proofs: and the idea of a performance at Chevillard's first concert seemed to him as bad as a performance at the last one of the season: "I am not so proud as to believe that 'La Mer' can be a check to Wagner and Mlle. Litvinne together." At rehearsal it was found that the proofs had been badly read.

The Sketches, dedicated to Jacques Durand, were published at Paris in 1905. Debussy made an arrangement for two pianos; André Caplet made one in 1908 for three pianos.

The first performance in the United States was in Boston at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on March 2, 1907. "La Mer" was performed again that season by request on April 20, 1907. There were later performances on March 1, 1913, December 18, 1915, November 16, 1917, January 14, 1921, November 21, 1924, April 27, 1928.

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These sketches are impressionistic. The titles give the cue to the hearer. As M. Jean d'Udine said of these very compositions: "When art is concerned, grammatical analyses belong to the kingdom of technical study; they have a didactic character and interest only

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Whether one disputes or agrees to this characterization of Debussy's art—the comparison of it with the art of Berlioz is at least surprising if not inexplicable—M. d'Udine's statement that these sketches do not submit to analysis is unanswerable. To speak of fixed tonalities would be absurd, for there is incessant modulation. To describe Debussy's thematic material without the aid of illustrations in notation would be futile. To speak of form and development would be to offer a stumbling-block to those who can see nothing in the saying of Plotinus, as translated by Thomas Taylor: "But the simple beauty of color arises, when light, which is something incorporeal, in reason and form, entering the obscure involutions of matter, irradiates and forms its dark and formless nature. It is on this account that fire surpasses other bodies in beauty, because, compared with the other elements, it obtains the order of form; for it is more eminent than the rest, and is the most subtle of all, bordering as it were on an incorporeal nature."

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Debussy was greatly pleased when "La Mer" was performed in Paris at a Franco-Italian concert conducted by Molinari in 1917: "I do not believe that the Parisians often have the opportunity of hearing a performance comparable to this; Molinari is a kind of sorcerer who has roused the orchestra from its apathy. As the instrumentalists have much talent, they played like angels. Are angels as good musicians as legends and the Primitives would have us believe?"

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At Le Puy near Dieppe, August, 1906: "here I am again with my old friend the sea, always innumerable and beautiful. It is truly the one thing in nature that puts you in your place; only one does not sufficiently respect the sea. To wet in it bodies deformed by the daily life should not be allowed; truly these arms and legs which move in ridiculous rhythms—it is enough to make the fish weep. There should be only Sirens in the sea, and could you wish that these estimable persons would be willing to return to waters so badly frequented?"

Houlgate, 1911: "Here life and the sea continue—the first to contradict our native savagery, the second to accomplish its sonorous going and coming, which cradles the melancholy of those who are deceived by the beach."

Pourville, August, 1915: "Trees are good friends, better than the ocean, which is in motion, wishing to trespass on the land, bite the rocks, with the anger of a little girl—singular for a person of its importance. One would understand it if it sent the vessels about their business as disturbing vermin."

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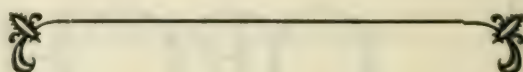
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According to Mr. Georg Schneevoight, who is an intimate friend of Sibelius, the composer's intention was to depict in the first movement the quiet, pastoral life of the Finns undisturbed by thought of oppression. The second movement is charged with patriotic feeling, but the thought of a brutal rule over the people brings with it timidity of soul. The third, in the nature of a Scherzo, portrays the awakening of national feeling, the desire to organize in defence of their rights, while in the Finale hope enters their breasts and there is comfort in the anticipated coming of a deliverer.

I. Allegretto, D major, with various rhythms, that of 6-4 predominating. The movement begins with an accompaniment figure for strings, which reappears in the course of the development. The quaint first theme is announced by oboes and clarinets. This theme

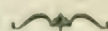


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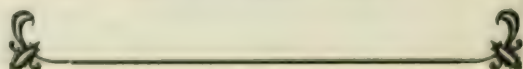


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II. Tempo andante ma rubato, D minor, 4-4, 3-8, 4-4. On a roll of kettledrums double-basses begin *pizz.* a figure which is finally taken up by violoncellos, and serves as an accompaniment for a mournful theme sung by the bassoons in octaves. The movement becomes more animated and more dramatic. After a climax *fff*, molto largamente, the second and expressive theme is sung by some of the first violins, violas, violoncellos (F-sharp major, andante sostenuto), accompanied at first by strings and then by running passages in flutes and bassoons. This theme, now in wood-wind instruments, is accompanied by running passages for violins. The first theme returns in F-sharp minor, and is developed to another climax, after which the second theme enters in D minor, and toward the close there are hints at the first motive.

III. Vivacissimo, B-flat major, 6-8. The movement begins with a nimble theme for violins. There is a short development, and flute and bassoon announce the second theme, against the rhythm of the first, which returns against a tremolo of wood-wind instruments supported by brass and kettledrums. Lento e suave, G-flat major, 12-4. The oboe has the theme over sustained chords for bassoons and horns. This section, which serves here as a trio to a scherzo, is short. There is a repetition, with changes of the opening section. The oboe sounds again the theme of the trio, and there is a free transition to the Finale without any pause.

IV. Finale: Allegro moderato, D major, 3-2. The movement is fashioned after the general style of a rondo on a short and simple theme announced immediately by violins, violas, and violoncellos. There are less important motives which serve as thematic material, and there are modifications of tonality and tempo. The movement ends in a sonorous apotheosis, molto largamente.

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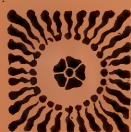
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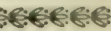
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Vivaldi was born some time during the latter half of the Seventeenth Century at Venice, where his father was violinist at St. Mark's Church. Little is known about Antonio's early history. It is supposed that he spent several years in Germany. We know that he was director of music to Duke Philip of Hesse—some say Duke Philip of Hesse-Philippsthal, Ernest Ludwig—at Mantua, where the Duke had a residence from 1707 to 1713, when he returned to Venice.

*Sam Franko, brother of Nahan Franko, was born in New Orleans in 1857. He studied the violin with Joachim in Berlin, and Vieuxtemps in Paris, and composition with Alexander Hollander in Berlin. He was a member of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra for several seasons, part of the time holding the position of concertmaster; principal viola of the New York Philharmonic Society; concertmaster of the Manhattan Opera House under Hammerstein; toured as soloist and first violin of the Mendelssohn Quintet Club of Boston. From 1881 to 1897 gave regular chamber music concerts in New York; 1900-1909 orchestral concerts of old music in New York, and a similar series in Berlin from 1910 to 1914. Since 1916 Mr. Franko has been living in New York City.

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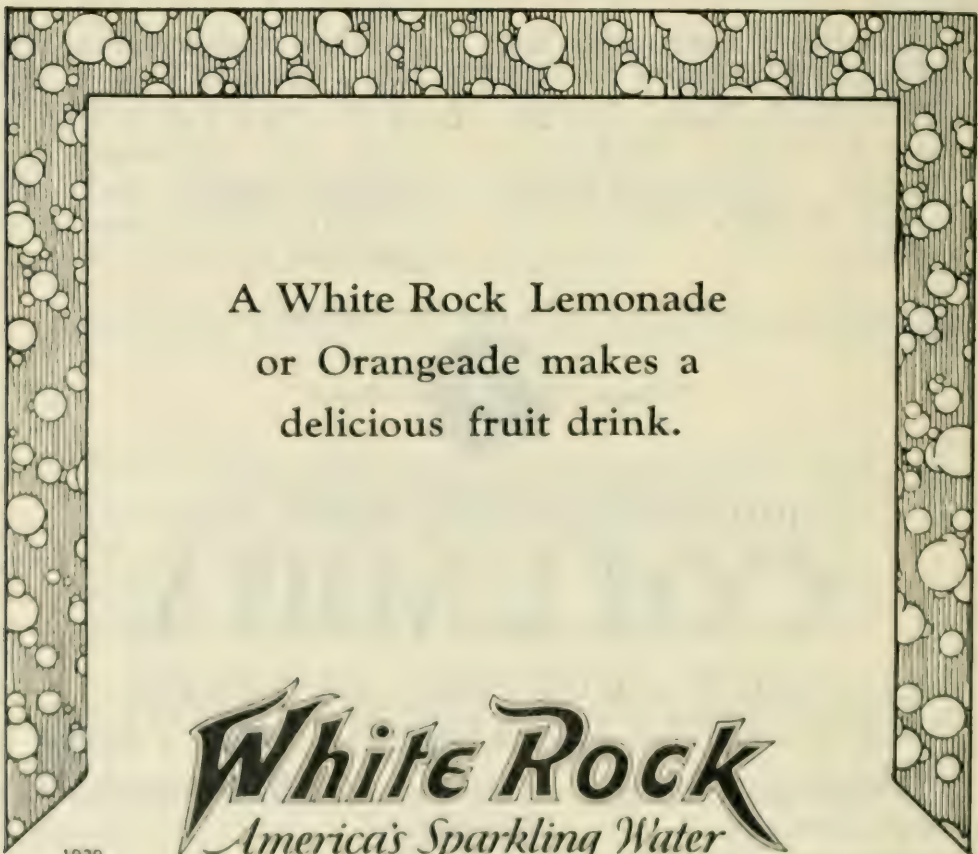
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He was appointed *maestro de concerti* at the Ospedale-della Pietà, a foundling hospital for girls, with a choir and an orchestra, all women. In 1714 he was appointed violinist at St. Mark's Church. He was red-headed and a priest, so he was known as "Il Prese rosso."

Vivaldi composed a great quantity of music for the violin (according to Riemann, there are in Dresden alone eighty concertos in manuscript), and he wrote operas from 1713 to 1739—thirty-eight, it is said,—twenty-two of them for Venice. Few of his works have been printed. His published compositions include twelve trios for two violins and 'cello (Op. 1); eighteen violin sonatas with bass (Op. 2 and 5); "Estro Poetico," twelve concertos for four violins, two violas, 'cello, and organ bass (Op. 3); twenty-four concertos for solo violin, two violins *ripieni*, viola, and organ bass (Op. 4, 6 and 7); "Le Quattro Stagioni," twelve concertos for four and five voices (Op. 8); "La Cetera," six concertos for five voices (Op. 9); six concertos for flute, violin, viola, 'cello and organ bass (Op. 10); twelve concertos for solo violin, two violins, viola, 'cello and organ bass (Op. 11 and 12).

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It has long been said that Bach transcribed eleven of Vivaldi's violin concertos, six for clavier, four for organ and Bach's concerto in A minor for four clavier (Vivaldi's concerto in B minor for four



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solo violins); but about 1912 the authenticity of Bach's transcriptions of the concertos for the organ was strenuously denied. Other transcriptions for the clavier were made by Duke Ernst of Saxony, Benedetto Marcello and Telemann.

Vivaldi was a virtuoso, and as a composer he has been accused of writing for mere display and inventing novel effects to win applause. Dr. Burney pooh-poohed his "Stravaganze" for solo violin. Sir John Hawkins said of Op. 8: "The first four concertos are a pretended paraphrase in musical notes of so many sonnets on the four seasons, wherein the author endeavors by the force of harmony and particular modifications of air and measure to excite ideas correspondent with the sentiments of the several poems." But the Germans, Bach, Benda and Quanz among them, thought highly of the Venetian.

Vivaldi developed the concerto form invented by Giuseppe Torelli. Sir Hubert Parry said of Vivaldi: "He represented the tendency of Italian art towards harmonic forms, such as were met with in Italian opera, in which, so far, simple clearness of design and superficial effectiveness were the principal virtues. He was essentially a violinist, and, at times, especially in slow movements when the aptness of the violin for expressive melody invited him, he showed facility, glibness, and a certain mastery of technic, but his ideas in such movements were little more than poses. But he had a great reputation as a representative of Italian instrumental art, and it was possibly on that ground that Bach subjected his works to the close study which arranging them for the clavier implied." Sir Hubert admitted later, in his *Life of Bach*, that Bach's violin concertos written in the Cöthen period are akin to the Vivaldi type.

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Concerto in Bach's day had these meanings: "(1) a music school; (2) either vocal or instrumental chamber music, a piece that is called 'concerto'; (3) violin pieces which are so arranged that each player will at a certain time be prominent, and play in turn with the other parts in rivalry. In such pieces, when only the first player dominates, and where only one of the many violinists is prominent for remarkable agility, this player is called 'violono concertino.'"

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("Musikalisches Lexicon" by J. G. Walther, Leipsic, 1732.) It is stated that the word "concerto," as applied to a piece for a solo instrument with accompaniment, first appeared in a treatise by Scipio Bargaglia (Venice 1587), and that Giuseppe Torelli, who died in 1703, was the first to suggest a larger number of instruments in a concerto and to give the name "Concerto grosso" to this species of composition. But Michelletti, seventeen years before, had published his "Simfonie et concerti a quatro," and in 1698 his "Concerti Musicali." The word "concerto" occurs frequently in the musical terminology of the Seventeenth Century. Up to the middle of that century the music, especially for violin, was composed almost exclusively of dance tunes, courantes, gailardes, pavaues, etc. These compositions bore the title "simfonia," "capriccio," "fantasia," "toccata," "canzone," "ricercare." The first five words were used for instrumental pieces; the last two for pieces either for voices and instruments, sometimes for both. The title "ricercare" soon disappeared; "canzone" dropped out of use; "toccata" was then a title reserved for harpsichord pieces, and towards the second half of the Sixteenth Century "simfonia" meant either an instrumental interlude or an overture. It was towards 1650 that the word "Sonata" took the special meaning of an instrumental piece with accompaniment of organ or harpsichord and several other instruments. In those days the "sonata" encroached on the rights of the "capriccio" and "fantasia."

That Torelli invented the "concerto grosso" may be disputed; but it was he that determined the form of the grand solo for violin and opened the way to Archangelo Corelli, the father of modern violinists, composers or virtuosos.

NOCTURNES: NO. I., "CLOUDS"; NO. II., "FESTIVALS"; NO. III.,
"SIRENS" CLAUDE DEBUSSY

(Born at St. Germain (Seine and Oise), August 22, 1862; died at Paris, March 26, 1918)

The Nocturnes by Debussy are three in number. The first two, "Nuages" and "Fêtes," were produced at a Lamoureux concert, Paris, December 9, 1900, and they were played by the same orchestra January 6, 1901. The third, "Sirènes," was first produced—in company with the other two—at a Lamoureux concert, October 27, 1901. The third is for orchestra with chorus of female voices. At this last

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concert the friends of Debussy were so exuberant in manifestations of delight that there was sharp hissing as a corrective.

The first performance of the three Nocturnes in the United States was at a Chickering "Production" Concert in Boston, February 10, 1904, when Mr. Lang conducted.

Debussy furnished a programme for the suite; at least, this programme is attributed to him. Some who are not wholly in sympathy with what they loosely call "the modern movement" may think that the programme itself needs elucidation. Debussy's peculiar forms of expression in prose are not easily Englished, and it is well-nigh impossible to reproduce certain shades of meaning.

"The title 'Nocturnes' is intended to have here a more general and, above all, a more decorative meaning. We, then, are not concerned with the form of the Nocturne, but with everything that this word includes in the way of diversified impression and special lights.

"'Clouds': the unchangeable appearance of the sky, with the slow and solemn march of clouds dissolving in a gray agony tinted with white.

"'Festivals': movement, rhythm dancing in the atmosphere, with bursts of brusque light. There is also the episode of a procession (a dazzling and wholly idealistic vision) passing through the festival and blended with it; but the main idea and substance obstinately remain,—always the festival and its blended music,—luminous dust participating in the universal rhythm of all things.

"'Sirens': the sea and its innumerable rhythm; then amid the billows silvered by the moon the mysterious song of the Sirens is heard; it laughs and passes."

The Nocturnes are scored as follows:

I. Two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, kettledrums, harp, strings. The movement begins *Modéré*, 6-4.

II. Three flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three

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bassoons, four horns three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, two harps, a set of three kettledrums, cymbals, and snare-drum (in the distance), strings. *Animé et très rythmé*, 4-4.

III. Three flutes, oboe, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, two harps, eight soprano voices, eight mezzo-soprano voices, strings. *Modérément animé*, 12-8.

Debussy before his death made many changes in the instrumentation of these Nocturnes.

"THE POEM OF ECSTASY," OP. 54.

ALEXANDER NICHOLAEVICH Scriabin

(Born at Moscow, on Christmas Day, 1871[?]*; died there on April 14, 1915)

"*Le Poème de l'Extase*" was performed for the first time by the Russian Symphony Society of New York in New York, December 10, 1908. Modest Altschuler conducted. It was afterwards performed in Moscow, when Mr. Blumenfeld conducted, and in 1909 at Leningrad at one of the Belaïev Symphony concerts. It was performed in London, April 4, 1910, when Mr. Koussevitzky conducted the tenth concert of the London Symphony Orchestra.

Modest Altschuler, as conductor of the Russian Symphony Society of New York, did much in the interest of Scriabin. He brought out Scriabin's Symphony No. 1 on February 28, 1907, when the composer was present; the symphony was performed again on December 13, 1907. He brought out Symphony No. 3, "*Le divin Poème*," on March 14, 1907; "*Prometheus*" in March, 1915.

Scriabin's "*Reverie*" for orchestra was performed at a concert of the Cincinnati Orchestra in Cincinnati as early as December 2, 1900.

We were indebted to Mr. Altschuler in 1910 for the following information about "*The Poem of Ecstasy*":—

"While I was in Switzerland during the summer of 1907 at Scriabin's villa, he was all taken up with the work, and I watched its progress with keen interest. The composer of the '*Poème de l'Extase*' has sought to express therein something of the emotional (and therefore musically communicable) side of his philosophy of life. Scriabin is neither a pantheist nor a theosophist, yet his creed includes ideas somewhat related to each of these schools of thought. There are three divisions in his Poem: 1. His soul in the orgy of love; 2. The realization of a fantastical dream; 3. The glory of his own art."

It has been said that the subject of "*Le Poème de l'Extase*" begins where that of "*Le divin Poème*" leaves off. The three divisions of the latter symphony, movements joined together without a pause, are "*Luttes*," "*Voluptés*," "*Jeu divin*" (Creative force consciously exercised).

"*Le Poème de l'Extase*," which is said "to express the joy of un-

*Mrs. Newmarch has given the date December 29, 1871 (O.S.). Mr. M. Montagu-Nathan in "*Contemporary Russian Composers*" (1917) says that since Scriabin's death it has been established, apparently beyond doubt, that he was born on Christmas Day, 1871. Mr. Montagu-Nathan does not say whether this date is according to the Russian calendar. Rimann's "*Musik Lexikon*" (1922) gives January 10 (N.S.) 1872, as the date of Scriabin's birth.

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trammelled activity," was completed in January, 1908, in Switzerland, the month of the Fifth Sonata, which, it is said, was written in three or four days. It is scored for these instruments: piccolo, three flutes, three oboes, English horn, three clarinets, bass clarinet, three bassoons, double bassoon, eight horns, five trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle gong, bells, celesta, two harps, organ, and the usual strings.

Scriabin wrote a poem in Russian for this orchestral composition. The poem was published at Geneva, Switzerland, 1906. Mr. Altschuler kindly lent his copy of it. A literal translation into English was made by Mrs. Lydia L. Pimenov-Noble of Boston expressly for the Programme Book of October 22, 1910. This translation was reprinted in the Programme Book of October 19, 1917. The poem is very long, too long for reprinting today. There are verses that recur like a refrain, especially the first lines:—

"The Spirit
Winged by the thirst for life,
Takes flight
On the heights of negation.
There in the rays of his dream
Arises a magic world
Of marvellous images and feelings.
The Spirit playing,
The Spirit longing,
The Spirit with fancy creating all,
Surrenders himself to the bliss of love."

SYMPHONY No. 5, C MINOR, OP. 67 . . . LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

(Born at Bonn, December 16 (?), 1770; died at Vienna, March 26, 1827)

Beethoven sketched motives of the allegro, andante, and scherzo of this symphony as early as 1800 and 1801. We know from sketches that while he was at work on "Fidelio" and the pianoforte concerto in G major,—1804–1806,—he was also busied with this symphony, which he put aside to compose the fourth symphony, in B-flat.

The symphony in C minor was finished in the neighborhood of Heiligenstadt in 1807. Dedicated to the Prince von Lobkowitz and the Count Rasumovsky, it was published in April, 1809.

It was first performed at the Theater an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. All the pieces were by Beethoven; the symphony described on the programme as "A symphony entitled 'Recollections of Life in the Country,' in F major, No. 5" (*sic*); an Aria, "Ah, perfido," sung by Josephine Kilitzky; Hymn with Latin text written in church style with chorus and solos; Pianoforte Concerto in G major, played by Beethoven; Grand Symphony in C minor, No. 6 (*sic*); Sanctus, with Latin text written in church style (from the Mass in C major), with chorus and solos; Fantasia for pianoforte solo; Fantasia for pianoforte "into which the full orchestra enters little by little, and at the end the chorus joins in the Finale." Beethoven played the pianoforte part. The concert began at half-past six. We know nothing about the pecuniary result.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, kettledrums, strings; and in the last movement piccolo, double-bassoon, and three trombones are added.

Instead of inquiring curiously into the legend invented by Schindler,—“and for this reason a statement to be doubted,” as Bülow said,—that Beethoven remarked of the first theme, “So knocks Fate on the door!”;* instead of investigating the statement that the rhythm of this theme was suggested by the note of a bird,—oriole or goldfinch,—heard during a walk; instead of a long analysis, which is vexation and confusion without the themes and their variants in notation,—let us read and ponder the words of the great Hector Berlioz:

“The most celebrated of them all, beyond doubt and peradventure, is also the first, I think, in which Beethoven gave the reins to his vast imagination, without taking for guide or aid a foreign thought. In the first, second, and fourth, he more or less enlarged forms already known, and poetized them with all the brilliant and passionate inspirations of his vigorous youth. In the third, the ‘Eroica,’ there is a tendency, it is true, to enlarge the form, and the thought is raised to a mighty height; but it is impossible to ignore the influence of one of the divine poets to whom for a long time the great artist had raised a temple in his heart. Beethoven, faithful to the Horatian precept, ‘*Nocturna versate manu, versate diurna,*’ read Homer constantly, and in his magnificent musical epopee, which, they say, I know not whether it be true or false, was inspired by a modern hero, the recollections of the ancient Iliad play a part that is as evident as admirably beautiful.

“The symphony in C minor, on the other hand, seems to us to come directly and solely from the genius of Beethoven; he develops in it his own intimate thought; his secret sorrows, his concentrated rage, his reveries charged with a dejection, oh, so sad, his visions at night, his bursts of enthusiasm—these furnish him the subject; and the forms of melody, harmony, rhythm, and orchestration are displayed as essentially individual and new as they are powerful and noble.

“The first movement is devoted to the painting of disordered sentiments which overthrow a great soul, a prey to despair: not the concentrated, calm despair that borrows the shape of resignation: not the dark and voiceless sorrow of Romeo who learns the death of Juliet; but the terrible rage of Othello when he receives from Iago’s mouth the poisonous slanders which persuade him of Desdemona’s guilt. Now it is a frenetic delirium which explodes in frightful cries; and now it is the prostration that has only accents of regret and profound self-pity. Hear these hiccups of the orchestra, these dialogues in chords between wind instruments and strings, which come and go, always weaker and fainter, like unto the painful breathing of a dying man, and then give way to a phrase full of violence, in which the orchestra seems to rise to its feet, revived by a flash of fury: see this shuddering mass hesitate a moment and then rush headlong, divided in two burning unisons as two streams

*It is said that Ferdinand Ries was the author of this explanation, and that Beethoven was grimly sarcastic when Ries, his pupil, made it known to him.

of lava; and then say if this passionate style is not beyond and above everything that had been produced hitherto in instrumental music. . . .

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This symphony was performed in Boston at an Academy concert as early as November 27, 1841.

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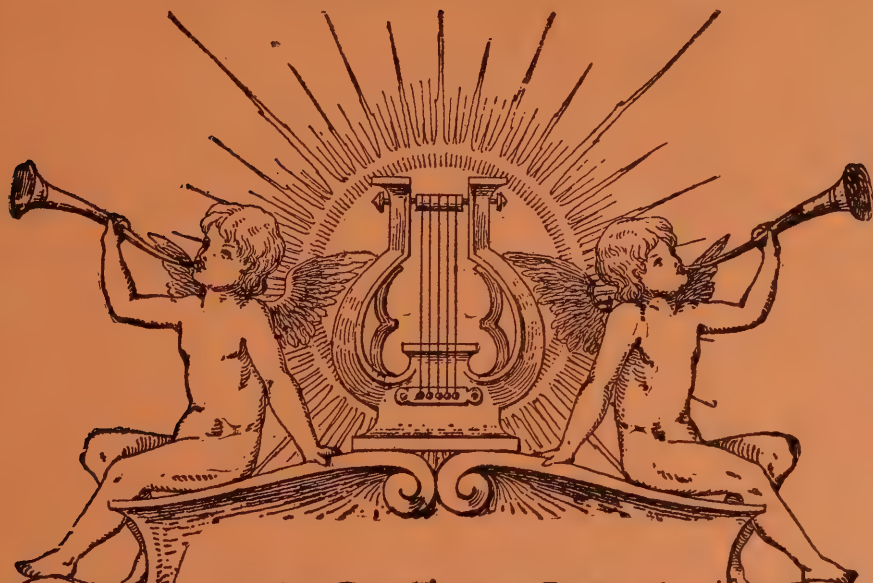
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*Sam Franko, brother of Nahan Franko, was born in New Orleans in 1857. He studied the violin with Joachim in Berlin, and Vieuxtemps in Paris, and composition with Alexander Hollander in Berlin. He was a member of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra for several seasons, part of the time holding the position of concertmaster; principal viola of the New York Philharmonic Society; concertmaster of the Manhattan Opera House under Hammerstein; toured as soloist and first violin of the Mendelssohn Quintet Club of Boston. From 1881 to 1897 gave regular chamber music concerts in New York; 1900-1909 orchestral concerts of old music in New York, and a similar series in Berlin from 1910 to 1914. Since 1916 Mr. Franko has been living in New York City.

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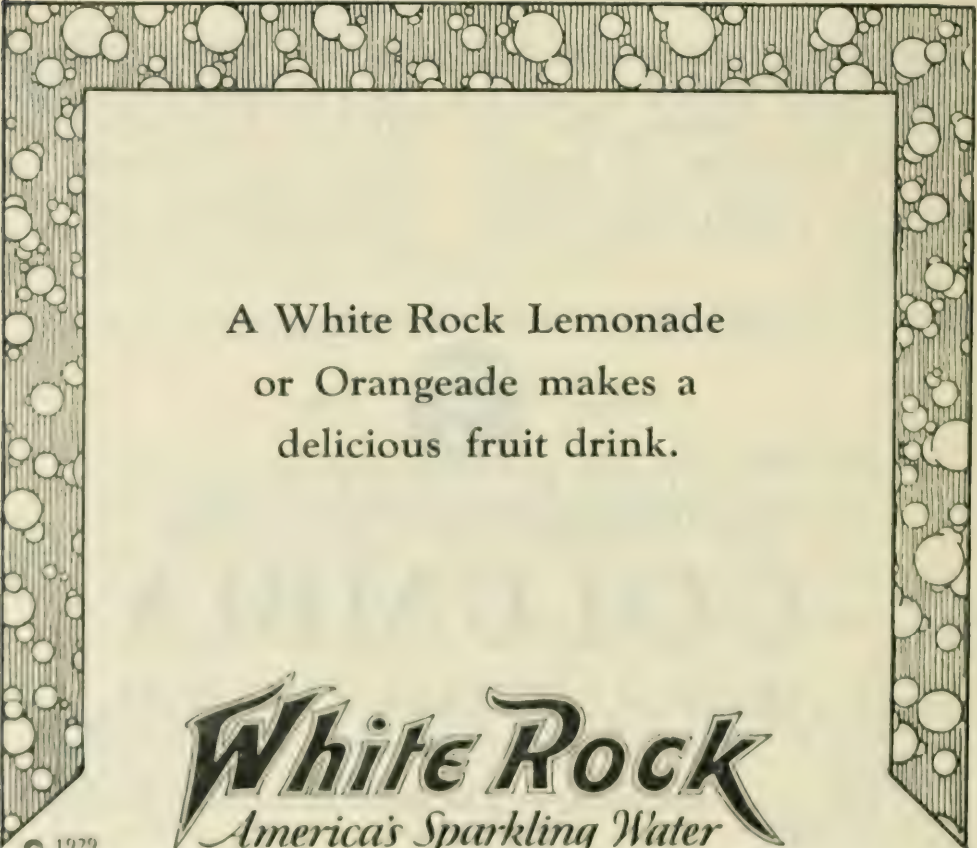
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ness, and a certain mastery of technic, but his ideas in such movements were little more than poses. But he had a great reputation as a representative of Italian instrumental art, and it was possibly on that ground that Bach subjected his works to the close study which arranging them for the clavier implied." Sir Hubert admitted later, in his *Life of Bach*, that Bach's violin concertos written in the Cöthen period are akin to the Vivaldi type.

. . .

Concerto in Bach's day had these meanings: "(1) a music school; (2) either vocal or instrumental chamber music, a piece that is called 'concerto'; (3) violin pieces which are so arranged that each player will at a certain time be prominent, and play in turn with the other parts in rivalry. In such pieces, when only the first player dominates, and where only one of the many violinists is prominent for remarkable agility, this player is called 'violono concertino.'" ("Musikalisches Lexicon" by J. G. Walther, Leipsic, 1732.) It is stated that the word "concerto," as applied to a piece for a solo instrument with accompaniment, first appeared in a treatise by Scipio Bargaglia (Venice 1587), and that Giuseppe Torelli, who died in 1703, was the first to suggest a larger number of instruments in a concerto and to give the name "Concerto grosso" to this species of composition. But Michelletti, seventeen years before, had published his "Simfonie et concerti a quatro," and in 1698 his "Concerti Musicali." The word "concerto" occurs frequently in the musical terminology of the Seventeenth Century. Up to the middle of that century the music, especially for violin, was composed almost exclusively of dance tunes, courantes, gailardes, payanes, etc. These compositions bore the title "simfonia," "capriccio," "fantasia," "toccata," "canzone," "ricercare." The first five words were used for instrumental pieces; the last two for pieces either for voices and instruments, sometimes for both. The title "ricercare" soon disappeared; "canzone" dropped out of use; "toccata" was then a title reserved for harpsichord pieces, and towards the second half of the Sixteenth Century "simfonia" meant either an instrumental interlude or an overture. It was towards 1650 that the word "Sonata" took the special meaning of an instrumental piece with accompaniment of organ or harpsichord and several other instruments. In those days the "sonata" encroached on the rights of the "capriccio" and "fantasia."

That Torelli invented the "concerto grosso" may be disputed; but it was he that determined the form of the grand solo for violin and opened the way to Archangelo Corelli, the father of modern violinists, composers or virtuosos.

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"SIRENS" CLAUDE DEBUSSY

(Born at St. Germain (Seine and Oise), August 22, 1862; died at Paris, March 26, 1918)

The Nocturnes by Debussy are three in number. The first two, "Nuages" and "Fêtes," were produced at a Lamoureux concert, Paris, December 9, 1900, and they were played by the same orchestra January 6, 1901. The third, "Sirènes," was first produced—in company with the other two—at a Lamoureux concert, October 27, 1901. The third is for orchestra with chorus of female voices. At this last concert the friends of Debussy were so exuberant in manifestations of delight that there was sharp hissing as a corrective.

The first performance of the three Nocturnes in the United States was at a Chickering "Production" Concert in Boston, February 10, 1904, when Mr. Lang conducted.

Debussy furnished a programme for the suite; at least, this programme is attributed to him. Some who are not wholly in sympathy with what they loosely call "the modern movement" may think that the programme itself needs elucidation. Debussy's peculiar forms of expression in prose are not easily Englished, and it is well-nigh impossible to reproduce certain shades of meaning.

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II. Three flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, two harps, a set of three kettledrums, cymbals, and snare-drum (in the distance), strings. *Animé et très rythmé*, 4-4.

III. Three flutes, oboe, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, two harps, eight soprano voices, eight mezzo-soprano voices, strings. *Modérément animé*, 12-8.

Debussy before his death made many changes in the instrumentation of these Nocturnes.

ORCHESTRAL SUITE FROM “PÉTROUCHKA.”

IGOR FEDOROVITCH STRAVINSKY

(Born at Oranienbaum, near Leningrad, on June 5, 1882; now living)

The ballet “Pétrouchka: Scènes burlesques en 4 Tableaux,” scenario by Alexandre Benois, was completed by Stravinsky at Rome in May (13-26), 1911. It was produced at the Châtelet, Paris, on June 13, 1911. The chief dancers were Mme. Tamar Karsavina, La Ballerine; Nijinski, Pétrouchka; Orloff, Le Maure; Cecchetto, the old Charlatan; Mme. Baranowitch, First Nurse. Mr. Monteux conducted; Mr. Fokine was the ballet-master. The scenery and costumes were designed by Benois; the scenery was painted by Anisfeld; the costumes were made by Caffi and Worobieff. The management was G. Astruc and Company, organized by Serge de Diaghilev.

“This ballet depicts the life of the lower classes in Russia, with all its dissoluteness, barbarity, tragedy, and misery. Pétrouchka is a sort of Polichinello, a poor hero always suffering from the cruelty of the police and every kind of wrong and unjust persecution. This represents symbolically the whole tragedy in the existence of the Russian people, a suffering from despotism and injustice. The scene is laid in the midst of the Russian carnival, and the streets are lined with booths in one of which Pétrouchka plays

a kind of humorous rôle. He is killed, but he appears again and again as a ghost on the roof of the booth to frighten his enemy, his old employer, an illusion to the despotic rulers in Russia."

The following description of the ballet is taken from "Contemporary Russian Composers" by M. Montagu-Nathan* :—

"The 'plot' of 'Pétrouchka' owes nothing to folk-lore, but retains the quality of the fantastic. Its chief protagonist is a lovelorn doll; but we have still a villain in the person of the *focusnik*, a showman who for his own ends prefers to consider that a puppet has no soul. The scene is the Admiralty Square, Petrograd; the time 'Butter-Week,' somewhere about the eighteen-thirties. . . . Prior to the raising of the first [curtain]† the music has an expectant character, and the varied rhythmic treatment of a melodic figure which has a distinct folk-tune flavor has all the air of inviting conjecture as to what is about to happen. Once the curtain goes up we are immediately aware that we are in the midst of a carnival, and are prepared for some strange sights. The music describes the nature of the crowd magnificently, and in his orchestral reproduction of a hurdy-gurdy, whose player mingles with the throng, Stravinsky has taken pains that his orchestral medium shall not lend any undue dignity to the instrument. . . . Presently the showman begins to attract his audience and, preparatory to opening his curtain, plays a few mildly florid passages on his flute. With his final flourish he animates his puppets. They have been endowed by the showman with human feelings and passions. Pétrouchka is ugly and consequently the most sensitive. He endeavors to console himself for

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his master's cruelty by exciting the sympathy and winning the love of his fellow-doll, the Ballerina, but in this he is less successful than the callous and brutal Moor, the remaining unit in the trio of puppets. Jealousy between Pétrouchka and the Moor is the cause of the tragedy which ends in the pursuit and slaughter of the former." The Russian Dance which the three puppets perform at the bidding of their taskmaster recalls vividly the passage of a crowd in Rimsky-Korsakov's "Kitej."

"When at the end of the Dance the light fails and the inner curtain falls, we are reminded by the roll of the side drum which does duty as entr'acte music that we have to do with a realist, with a composer who is no more inclined than was his precursor Dargomijsky to make concessions; he prefers to preserve illusions, and so long as the drum continues its slow fusillade the audience's mind is kept fixed upon the doll it has been contemplating. The unsuccessful courtship is now enacted and then the scene is again changed to the Moor's apartment, where, after a monotonous droning dance, the captivation of the Ballerina takes place. There are from time to time musical figures recalling the showman's flute flourishes, apparently referring to his dominion over the doll. . . . The scene ends with the summary ejection of that unfortunate [Pétrouchka], and the drum once more bridges the change of scene.

"In the last tableau the Carnival, with its consecutive common chords, is resumed. The nurses' dance, which is of folk origin, is one of several items of decorative music, some of them, like the episode of the man with the bear, and the merchant's accordion, being fragmentary. With the combined dance of the nurses, coachmen, and grooms, we have again a wonderful counterpoint of the melodic elements.

"When the fun is at its height, it is suddenly interrupted by Pétrouchka's frenzied flight from the little theatre. He is pursued by the Moor, whom the cause of their jealousy tries vainly to hold in check. To the consternation of the spectators, Pétrouchka is slain by a stroke of the cruel Moor's sword, and a tap on the tambour de Basque.

"The showman, having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the gay crowd that Pétrouchka is only a doll, is left alone with the corpse, but is not allowed to depart in absolute peace of mind. To the accompaniment of a ghastly distortion of the showman's flute music the wraith of Pétrouchka appears above the little booth. There is a brief reference to the carnival figure, then four concluding pizzicato notes and the drama is finished. From his part in outlining it we conclude that Stravinsky is an artist whose light-

ness of touch equals that of Ravel, whose humanity is as deep as Moussorgsky's."

The ballet calls for these instruments: four flutes (two interchangeable with piccolo), four oboes (one interchangeable with English horn), four clarinets (one interchangeable with bass clarinet), four bassoons (one interchangeable with double bassoon), four horns, two trumpets (one interchangeable with little trumpet, in D), two cornets-à-pistons, three trombones, bass tuba, kettle-drums, snare drum, tambour de Provence, bass drum, tambourine, cymbals, triangle, Glockenspiel, xylophones, tam-tam, celesta (two and four hands), pianoforte, two harps, strings. The score, dedicated to Alexandre Benois, was published in 1912.

The first performance of the ballet in the United States was by Serge Diaghilev's Ballet Russe at the Century Theatre, New York City, on January 24, 1916. Pétrouchka, Leonide Massine; Le Maure, Adolf Bolm; La Ballerine, Lydia Lopokova. Ernest Ansermet conducted.

SYMPHONY No. 6, B MINOR, "PATHETIC," Op. 74

PETER ILICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(Born at Votkinsk in the government of Viatka, Russia, May 7, 1840; died at Leningrad, November 6, 1893)

Tchaikovsky on the voyage from New York to Hamburg in May, 1891, made sketches for a sixth symphony. He worked on this symphony in 1892, was dissatisfied with it, and destroyed it before he began to orchestrate it. His third pianoforte concerto, Op. 75,

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was based on the first movement of the rejected work. (This concerto was played after his death by Tanéïev in Leningrad.) Another work, posthumous, the Andante and Finale for pianoforte with orchestra, orchestrated by Tanéïev, and produced at Leningrad on February 20, 1896, was also based on the sketches for this Symphony.

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The first mention of the "Pathetic" Symphony is in a letter from Tchaikovsky to his brother Anatol, dated Klin, February 22, 1893: "I am now wholly occupied with the new work (a symphony) and it is hard for me to tear myself away from it. I believe it comes into being as the best of my works. I must finish it as soon as possible, for I have to wind up a lot of affairs and I must also soon go to London. I told you that I had completed a symphony which suddenly displeased me, and I tore it up. Now I have composed a new symphony *which I certainly shall not tear up.*" He was still eager for an inspiring opera libretto. He did not like one on the story of Undine, which had been suggested. He wrote to Modest: "For God's sake, find or invent a subject, *if possible not a fantastic one*, but something after the manner of 'Carmen' or of 'Cavalleria Rusticana.'"

Tchaikovsky went to London in May, and the next month he was at Cambridge, to receive, on June 13, with Saint-Saëns, Grieg, Boïto, Bruch, the Doctor's degree *honoris causa*. Grieg, whom Tchaikovsky loved as man and composer, was sick and could not be present. "Outside of Saint-Saëns the sympathetic one to me is Boïto. Bruch—an unsympathetic, bumptious person." At the ceremonial concert, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" was played. General Roberts was also made a Doctor on this occasion, as were the Maharaja of Bhonnaggor and Lord Herschel.

At home again, Peter wrote to Modest early in August that he was up to his neck in his symphony. "The orchestration is the more difficult, the farther I go. Twenty years ago I let myself write at ease without much thought, and it was all right. Now I have become cowardly and uncertain. I have sat the whole day over two pages: that which I wished came constantly to naught. In spite of this, I make progress." He wrote to Davidov, August 15: "The symphony which I intended to dedicate to you—I shall reconsider this on account of your long silence—is progressing. I am very well satisfied with the contents, but not wholly with the orchestration. I do not succeed in my intentions. It will not surprise me in the least if the symphony is cursed or judged unfavorably; 'twill not be for the first time. I myself consider it the

best, especially the most open-hearted of all my works. I love it as I *never* have loved any other of my musical creations. My life is without the charm of variety; evenings I am often bored; but I do not complain, for the symphony is now the main thing, and I cannot work anywhere so well as at home." He wrote Jurgenson, his publisher, on August 24 that he had finished the orchestration: "I give you my word of honor that never in my life have I been so contented, so proud, so happy, in the knowledge that I have written a good piece." It was at this time that he thought seriously of writing an opera with a text founded on "The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Mr. Barton," by George Eliot, of whose best works he was an enthusiastic admirer.

Early in October he wrote to the Grand Duke Constantine: "I have without exaggeration put my whole soul into this symphony, and I hope that your highness will like it. I do not know whether it will seem original in its material, but there is this peculiarity of form: the Finale is an Adagio, not an Allegro, as is the custom." Later he explained to the Grand Duke why he did not wish to write a Requiem. He said in substance that the text contained too much about God as a revengeful judge; he did not believe in such a deity; nor could such a deity awaken in him the necessary inspiration: "I should feel the greatest enthusiasm in putting music to certain parts of the gospels, if it were only possible. How often, for instance, have I been enthusiastic over a musical illustration of Christ's words: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden'; also, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light'! What boundless love and compassion for mankind are in these words!"

Tchaikovsky left Klin forever on October 19. He stopped at Moscow to attend a funeral, and there with Kashkin he talked freely after supper. Friends had died; who would be the next to go? "I told Peter," said Kashkin, "that he would outlive us all. He

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disputed the likelihood, yet added that never had he felt so well and happy." Peter told him that he had no doubt about the first three movements of his new symphony, but that the last was still doubtful in his mind; after the performance he might destroy it and write another finale. He arrived at Leningrad in good spirits, but he was depressed because the symphony made no impression on the orchestra at the rehearsals. He valued highly the opinion of players, and he conducted well only when he knew that the orchestra liked the work. He was dependent on them for the finesse of interpretation. "A cool facial expression, an indifferent glance, a yawn,—these tied his hands; he lost his readiness of mind, he went over the work carelessly, and cut short the rehearsal, that the players might be freed from their boresome work." Yet he insisted that he never had written and never would write a better composition than this symphony.

The Sixth Symphony was performed for the first time at Leningrad October 28, 1893. The programme included an overture to an unfinished opera by Laroche, Tchaikovsky's B-flat minor Concerto for pianoforte, played by Adele aus der Ohe, the dances from Mozart's "Idomeneo," and Liszt's Spanish Rhapsody for pianoforte. Tchaikovsky conducted. The symphony failed. "There was applause," says Modest, "and the composer was recalled, but with no more enthusiasm than on previous occasions. There was not the mighty, overpowering impression made by the work when it was conducted by Naprawnik, November 18, 1893, and later, wherever it was played." The critics were decidedly cool.



The morning after Modest found Peter at the tea-table with the score of the symphony in his hand. He regretted that, inasmuch as he had to send it that day to the publisher, he had not yet given it a title. He wished something more than "No. 6," and did not like "Programme Symphony." "What does Programme Symphony mean when I will give it no programme?" Modest suggested "Tragic," but Peter said that would not do. "I left the room before he had come to a decision. Suddenly I thought, 'Pathetic.' I went back to the room,—I remember it as though it were yesterday,—and I said the word to Peter. 'Splendid, Modi, bravo, "Pathetic"!' and he wrote in my presence the title that will forever remain."

On October 30 Tchaikovsky asked Jurgenson by letter to put on the title-page the dedication to Vladimir Liwowitz Davidov, and added: "This symphony met with a singular fate. It has not exactly failed, but it has incited surprise. As for me, I am prouder of it than any other of my works."

On November 1 Tchaikovsky was in perfect health. He dined with an old friend and went to the theatre. In the cloak-room there was talk about Spiritualism. Warlamov objected to all talk about ghosts and anything that reminded one of death. Tchaikovsky laughed at Warlamov's manner of expression, and said: "There is still time enough to become acquainted with this detestable snub-nosed one. At any rate, he will not have us soon. I know that I shall live for a long time." He then went with friends to a restaurant, where he ate macaroni and drank white wine with mineral water. When he walked home about 2 A.M., Peter was well in body and in mind.

There are some who find pleasure in the thought that the death of a great man was in some way mysterious or melodramatic. For years some insisted that Salieri caused Mozart to be poisoned. There was a rumor after Tchaikovsky's death that he took poison or sought deliberately the cholera. When Mr. Alexander Siloti, a pupil of Tchaikovsky, first visited Boston, in 1898, he did not hesitate to say that there might be truth in the report, and, asked as to his own belief, he shook his head with a portentous gravity that Burleigh might have envied. We have been assured by other Russians who knew Tchaikovsky that he killed himself, nor was the reason for his so doing withheld. Peter's brother Modest gives a circumstantial account of Peter's death from natural causes. Peter awoke November 2 after a restless night, but he went out about noon to make a call; he returned to luncheon, ate nothing, and drank a glass of water that had not been boiled. Modest and others were alarmed, but Peter was not disturbed, for he was less afraid of the cholera than of other diseases. Not until night was there any thought of serious illness, and then Peter said to his brother: "I think this is death. Good-by, Modi." At eleven o'clock that night it was determined that his sickness was cholera.

Modest tells at length the story of Peter's ending. Their mother had died of cholera in 1854, at the very moment that she was put into a bath. The physicians recommended as a last resort a warm bath for Peter, who, when asked if he would take one, answered: "I shall be glad to have a bath, but I shall probably die as soon as I am in the tub—as my mother died." The bath was not given that night, the second night after the disease had been determined, for Peter was too weak. He was at times delirious, and he often repeated the name of Mme. von Meck in reproach or in anger, for he had been sorely hurt by her sudden and capricious neglect after her years of interest and devotion. The next day the bath was given. A priest was called, but it was not possible to administer

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the Communion, and he spoke words that the dying man could no longer understand. "Peter Ilich suddenly opened his eyes. There was an indescribable expression of unclouded consciousness. Passing over the others standing in the room, he looked at the three nearest him, and then toward heaven. There was a certain light for a moment in his eyes, which was soon extinguished, at the same time with his breath. It was about three o'clock in the morning."

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What was the programme in Tchaikovsky's mind? Kashkin says that, if the composer had disclosed it to the public, the world would not have regarded the symphony as a kind of legacy from one filled with a presentiment of his own approaching end; that it seems more reasonable "to interpret the overwhelming energy of the third movement and the abysmal sorrow of the Finale in the broader light of a national or historical significance rather than to narrow them to the expression of an individual experience. If the last movement is intended to be predictive, it is surely of things vaster and issues more fatal than are contained in a mere personal apprehension of death. It speaks rather of a '*lamentation large et souffrance inconnue*,' and seems to set the seal of finality on all human hopes. Even if we eliminate the purely subjective interest, this autumnal inspiration of Tchaikovsky, in which we hear 'the ground whirl of the perished leaves of hope, still remains the most profoundly stirring of his works.' . . ."

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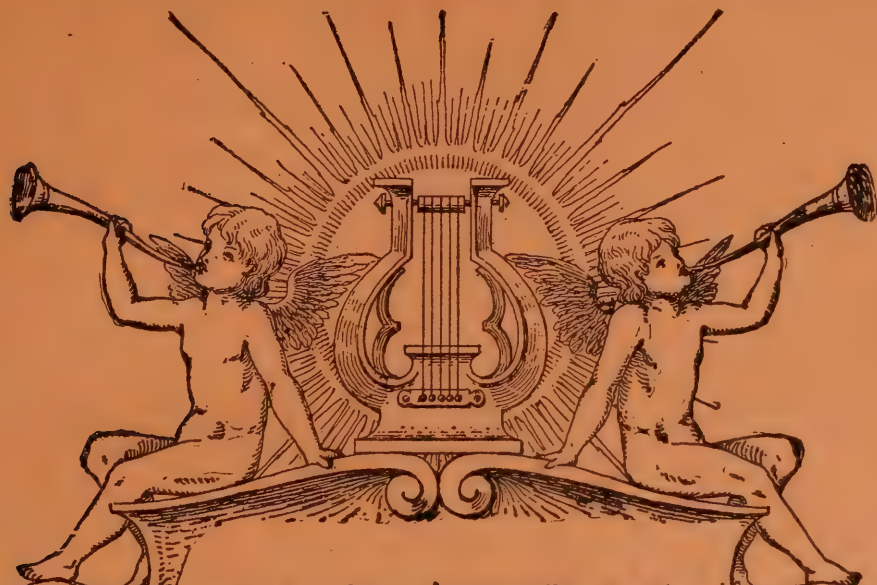
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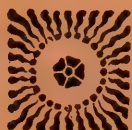
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Overture—Allegro; Air: Lento; Allegro moderato; Allegro.

Debussy Nocturnes
a. Nuages.
b. Fêtes.

Ravel Orchestral Excerpts from the Ballet
“Daphnis et Chloé” (Second Suite)
Lever du Jour — Pantomime — Danse Générale

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6 in B minor, “Pathetic,” Op. 74
I. Adagio; Allegro non troppo.
II. Allegro con grazia.
III. Allegro molto vivace.
IV. Finale: Adagio lamentoso.

There will be an intermission of ten minutes before the symphony.

CONCERTO GROSSO No. 10, IN D MINOR . . . GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

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Handel's twelve grand concertos for strings were composed between September 29 and October 30, 1739. The tenth bears the date October 22. The London *Daily Post* of October 29, 1739, said: "This day are published proposals for printing by subscription, with His Majesty's royal license and protection, Twelve Grand Concertos, in Seven Parts, for four violins, a tenor, a violoncello, with a thorough-bass for the harpsichord. Composed by Mr. Handel. Price to subscribers, two guineas. Ready to be delivered by April next. Subscriptions are taken by the author, at his house* in Brook Street, Hanover Square, and by Walsh." In an advertisement on November 22 the publisher added, "Two of the above concertos will be performed this evening at the Theatre Royal, Lincoln's Inn." The concertos were published on April 21, 1740. In an advertisement a few days afterwards Walsh said, "These concertos were performed at the Theatre Royal in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and now are played in most public places with the greatest applause." Victor

*This was the little house, No. 25 Lower Brook Street (now Brook Street), in which Handel lived from 1725 until his death. Here he composed the "Messiah," "Saul," and other oratorios. "After his death his valet rented the house and made the most of Handel's long residence to secure lodgers." "Sydney Smith lived in this house in 1835" (George H. Cunningham's "London." Handel lived for three years in Old Burlington House, erected by the third Earl of Burlington, amateur architect and friend of Pope.) In the rate-book of 1725 Handel was named owner, and the house rated at £35 a year. Mr. W. H. Cummins, about 1903, visiting this house, found a cast-lead cistern, on the front of which in bold relief was "1721. G. F. H." The house had then been in possession of a family about seventy years, and various structural alterations had been made. A back room on the first floor was said to have been Handel's composition-room.

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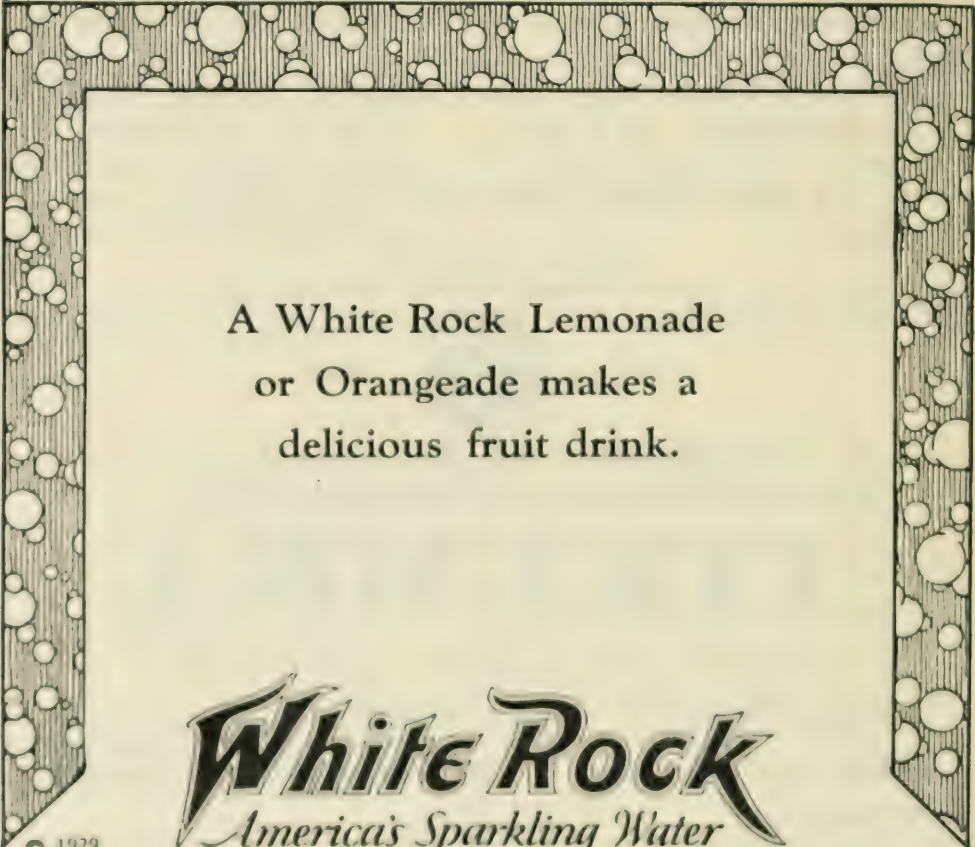
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Schoelcher made this comment in his *Life of Handel*: "This was the case with all the works of Handel. They were so frequently performed at contemporaneous concerts and benefits that they seem, during his lifetime, to have quite become public property. Moreover, he did nothing which the other theatres did not attempt to imitate. In the little theatre of the Haymarket, evening entertainments were given in exact imitation of his 'several concertos for different instruments, with a variety of chosen airs of the best master, and the famous *Salve Regina* of Hasse.' The handbills issued by the nobles at the King's Theatre make mention also of 'several concertos for different instruments.'"

The year 1739, in which these concertos were composed, was the year of the first performance of Handel's "Saul" (January 16) and "Israel in Egypt" (April 4),—both oratorios were composed in 1738,—also of the music to Dryden's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" (November 22).

Romain Rolland, discussing the form concerto grosso, which consists essentially of a dialogue between a group of soloists, the *concertino* (trio of two solo violins and solo bass with cembalo*) and the chorus of instruments, concerto grosso, believes that Handel at Rome in 1708 was impressed by Corelli's works in this field, for several of his concertos of Opus 3 are dated 1710, 1716, 1722. Geminiani introduced the concerto into England,—three volumes appeared in 1732, 1735, 1748,—and he was a friend of Handel.

*The Germans in the *concertino* sometimes coupled an oboe or a bassoon with a violin. The Italians were faithful, as a rule to the strings.



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The seven parts are thus indicated by Handel in book of parts: Violino primo concerto, Violino secondo concertino, Violino primo ripieno, Violino secondo ripieno, viola, violoncello, bass continuo.

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I. Overture. D minor, 4-4: Allegro, D minor, 6-8. The overture is after the French pattern, in two sections. The Allegro is in the form of a three-voiced fugue. In its course, there is four-voiced work, but in reality only three voices are in counterpoint.

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NOCTURNES: No. I., "CLOUDS"; No. II., "FESTIVALS"; No. III., "SIRENS" CLAUDE DEBUSSY

(Born at St. Germain (Seine and Oise), August 22, 1862; died at Paris, March 26, 1918)

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Paris, December 9, 1900, and they were played by the same orchestra January 6, 1901. The third, "Sirènes," was first produced—in company with the other two—at a Lamoureux concert, October 27, 1901. The third is for orchestra with chorus of female voices. At this last concert the friends of Debussy were so exuberant in manifestations of delight that there was sharp hissing as a corrective.

The first performance of the three Nocturnes in the United States was at a Chickering "Production" Concert in Boston, February 10, 1904, when Mr. Lang conducted.

Debussy furnished a programme for the suite; at least, this programme is attributed to him. Some who are not wholly in sympathy with what they loosely call "the modern movement" may think that the programme itself needs elucidation. Debussy's peculiar forms of expression in prose are not easily Englished, and it is well-nigh impossible to reproduce certain shades of meaning.

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The Nocturnes are scored as follows:

I. Two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, kettledrums, harp, strings. The movement begins *Modéré*, 6-4.

II. Three flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns three trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, two harps, a set of three kettledrums, cymbals, and snare-drum (in the distance), strings. *Animé et très rythmé*, 4-4.

III. Three flutes, oboe, English horn, two clarinets, three bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, two harps, eight soprano voices, eight mezzo-soprano voices, strings. *Modérément animé*, 12-8.

Debussy before his death made many changes in the instrumentation of these Nocturnes.

“DAPHNIS ET CHLOÉ”—BALLET IN ONE ACT—ORCHESTRAL FRAGMENTS,
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(Born at Ciboure, Basses-Pyrénées, March 7, 1875; now living near Paris)

Ravel composed his ballet “Daphnis and Chloe,” expecting that it would be performed by the Russian Ballet at Paris in 1911. Jacques Durand, the publisher, says that Ravel was asked by Diaghilev in 1911 to write this ballet.* Others give the year 1910. Durand also says Diaghilev was not at first satisfied with the ballet and hesitated to produce it, but Durand finally persuaded him; that Diaghilev’s first unfavorable impression was due to his knowing the music only by the arrangement for piano. At the rehearsals there were violent scenes between Fokine and Diaghilev which led to the rupture which became “official” after that season of the Ballet Russe. It was not performed until 1912—June 8, according

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The score, however, was published in 1911. Two concert suites were drawn from it. The first—"Nocturne," "Interlude," "Danse Guerrière,"—was performed at a Châtelet concert conducted by Gabriel Pierné on April 2, 1911.

The second suite is scored for piccolo, two flutes, a flute in G, two oboes, English horn, a little clarinet in E-flat, two clarinets in B-flat, bass clarinet in B-flat, three bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, tambourine, two side drums,* castanets, celesta, Glockenspiel, two harps, strings (double-basses with the low C), chorus of mixed voices. This chorus, which sings without words, can be replaced by variants engraved for this purpose in the orchestral parts.

The following argument is printed in the score of the suite to illustrate the significance of the sections in succession:

No sound but the murmur of rivulets fed by the dew that trickles from the rocks. Daphnis lies stretched before the grotto of the nymphs. Little by little the day dawns. The songs of birds are heard. Afar off a shepherd leads his flock. Another shepherd crosses the back of the stage. Herdsmen enter, seeking Daphnis and Chloe. They find Daphnis and awaken him. In anguish he looks about for Chloe. She at last appears encircled by shepherdesses. The two rush into each other's arms. Daphnis observes Chloe's crown. His dream was a prophetic vision: the intervention of Pan is manifest. The old shepherd Lammon explains that Pan saved Chloe, in remembrance of the nymph Syrinx,† whom the god loved.

*It appears from the list of instruments in French that Ravel makes a distinction between the *tambour* and the *caisse claire*. Each is described in French treatises as a side or snare drum, but the *caisse claire* is shallower than the *tambour*.

†John F. Rowbotham in his "History of Music" (vol. i., p. 45) makes this entertaining comment on the story of Pan and Syrinx as told by Ovid: "If he [Pan] constructed his Pan-pipe out of the body of the nymph Syrinx, who was changed into a reed, we may be tolerably certain that his views were not limited to playing

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The dance grows more and more animated. In mad whirlings, Chloe falls into the arms of Daphnis. Before the altar of the nymphs he swears on two sheep his fidelity. Young girls enter; they are dressed as Bacchantes and shake their tambourines. Daphnis and Chloe embrace tenderly. A group of young men come on the stage.

Joyous tumult. A general dance. Daphnis and Chloe. Dorcon.

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The scenario of the ballet was derived by Michael Fokine from the charming romance of Longus. There are stage pictures of Chloe carried away by robbers, rescued by Pan at the prayer of Daphnis, and of the lovers miming together the story of Pan and Syrinx. There are scenes in the grove of Pan and in the pirate camp, besides those mentioned above. The scenery and costumes were designed by Léon Bakst.

SYMPHONY No. 6, B MINOR, "PATHETIC," Op. 74

PETER ILICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(Born at Votkinsk in the government of Viatka, Russia, May 7, 1840; died at Leningrad, November 6, 1893)

Tchaikovsky on the voyage from New York to Hamburg in May, 1891, made sketches for a sixth symphony. He worked on this symphony in 1892, was dissatisfied with it, and destroyed it before he began to orchestrate it. His third pianoforte concerto, Op. 75, was based on the first movement of the rejected work. (This concerto was played after his death by Tanéïev in Leningrad.) Another work, posthumous, the Andante and Finale for pianoforte with orchestra, orchestrated by Tanéïev, and produced at Leningrad on February 20, 1896, was also based on the sketches for this Symphony.

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The first mention of the "Pathetic" Symphony is in a letter from Tchaikovsky to his brother Anatol, dated Klin, February 22, 1893: "I am now wholly occupied with the new work (a symphony) and it is hard for me to tear myself away from it. I believe it comes into being as the best of my works. I must finish it as soon as possible, for I have to wind up a lot of affairs and I must also soon go to London. I told you that I had completed a symphony which suddenly displeased me, and I tore it up. Now I have composed a new symphony *which I certainly shall not tear up.*" He was still eager for an inspiring opera libretto. He did not like one on

a requiem over her grave, but that he had at the same time some other nymph in his eye who was *not* changed into a reed. If the metamorphosed Syrinx really gave him the first idea of the instrument, the utmost we can do is to say in the words of King James V. of Scotland about a totally different event, 'It began wi' a lass, and it will end wi' a lass!'"

See also Jules Laforgue's fantastically ironical "Pan et la Syrinx" ("Moralités légendaires"). "O nuit d'été! maladie inconnue, que tu nous fait mal!"—P. II.

the story of Undine, which had been suggested. He wrote to Modest: "For God's sake, find or invent a subject, *if possible not a fantastic one*, but something after the manner of 'Carmen' or of 'Cavalleria Rusticana.'"

Tchaikovsky went to London in May, and the next month he was at Cambridge, to receive, on June 13, with Saint-Saëns, Grieg, Boïto, Bruch, the Doctor's degree *honoris causa*. Grieg, whom Tchaikovsky loved as man and composer, was sick and could not be present. "Outside of Saint-Saëns the sympathetic one to me is Boïto. Bruch—an unsympathetic, bumptious person." At the ceremonial concert, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" was played. General Roberts was also made a Doctor on this occasion, as were the Maharaja of Bhonnaggor and Lord Herschel.

At home again, Peter wrote to Modest early in August that he was up to his neck in his symphony. "The orchestration is the more difficult, the farther I go. Twenty years ago I let myself write at ease without much thought, and it was all right. Now I have become cowardly and uncertain. I have sat the whole day over two pages: that which I wished came constantly to naught. In spite of this, I make progress." He wrote to Davidov, August 15: "The symphony which I intended to dedicate to you—I shall reconsider this on account of your long silence—is progressing. I am very well satisfied with the contents, but not wholly with the orchestration. I do not succeed in my intentions. It will not surprise me in the least if the symphony is cursed or judged unfavorably; 'twill not be for the first time. I myself consider it the best, especially the most open-hearted of all my works. I love it as I *never* have loved any other of my musical creations. My life is without the charm of variety; evenings I am often bored; but I do not complain, for the symphony is now the main thing, and I cannot work anywhere so well as at home." He wrote Jurgenson, his publisher, on August 24 that he had finished the orchestration: "I give you my word of honor that never in my life have I been so contented, so proud; so happy, in the knowledge that I have written a good piece." It was at this time that he thought seriously of writing an opera with a text founded on "The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Mr. Barton," by George Eliot, of whose best works he was an enthusiastic admirer.

Early in October he wrote to the Grand Duke Constantine: "I have without exaggeration put my whole soul into this symphony, and I hope that your highness will like it. I do not know whether it will seem original in its material, but there is this peculiarity of form: the Finale is an Adagio, not an Allegro, as is the custom."

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Later he explained to the Grand Duke why he did not wish to write a Requiem. He said in substance that the text contained too much about God as a revengeful judge; he did not believe in such a deity; nor could such a deity awaken in him the necessary inspiration: "I should feel the greatest enthusiasm in putting music to certain parts of the gospels, if it were only possible. How often, for instance, have I been enthusiastic over a musical illustration of Christ's words: 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden'; also, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light'! What boundless love and compassion for mankind are in these words!"

Tchaikovsky left Klin forever on October 19. He stopped at Moscow to attend a funeral, and there with Kashkin he talked freely after supper. Friends had died; who would be the next to go? "I told Peter," said Kashkin, "that he would outlive us all. He disputed the likelihood, yet added that never had he felt so well and happy." Peter told him that he had no doubt about the first three movements of his new symphony, but that the last was still doubtful in his mind; after the performance he might destroy it and write another finale. He arrived at Leningrad in good spirits, but he was depressed because the symphony made no impression on the orchestra at the rehearsals. He valued highly the opinion of players, and he conducted well only when he knew that the orchestra liked the work. He was dependent on them for the finesse of interpretation. "A cool facial expression, an indifferent glance, a yawn,—these tied his hands; he lost his readiness of mind, he went over the work carelessly, and cut short the rehearsal, that the players might be freed from their boresome work." Yet he insisted that he never had written and never would write a better composition than this symphony.

. . .

What was the programme in Tchaikovsky's mind? Kashkin says that, if the composer had disclosed it to the public, the world would not have regarded the symphony as a kind of legacy from one filled with a presentiment of his own approaching end; that it seems more reasonable "to interpret the overwhelming energy of the third movement and the abysmal sorrow of the Finale in the broader light of a national or historical significance rather than to narrow them to the expression of an individual experience. If the last movement is intended to be predictive, it is surely of things vaster and issues more fatal than are contained in a mere personal apprehension of death. It speaks rather of a '*lamentation large et souffrance inconnue*,' and seems to set the seal of finality on all human hopes. Even if we eliminate the purely subjective interest, this autumnal inspiration of Tchaikovsky, in which we hear 'the ground whirl of the perished leaves of hope, still remains the most profoundly stirring of his works.' . . ."

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The symphony is scored for three flutes (the third is interchangeable with piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, a set of three kettledrums, tamtam, and strings.

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Ravel. Bolero

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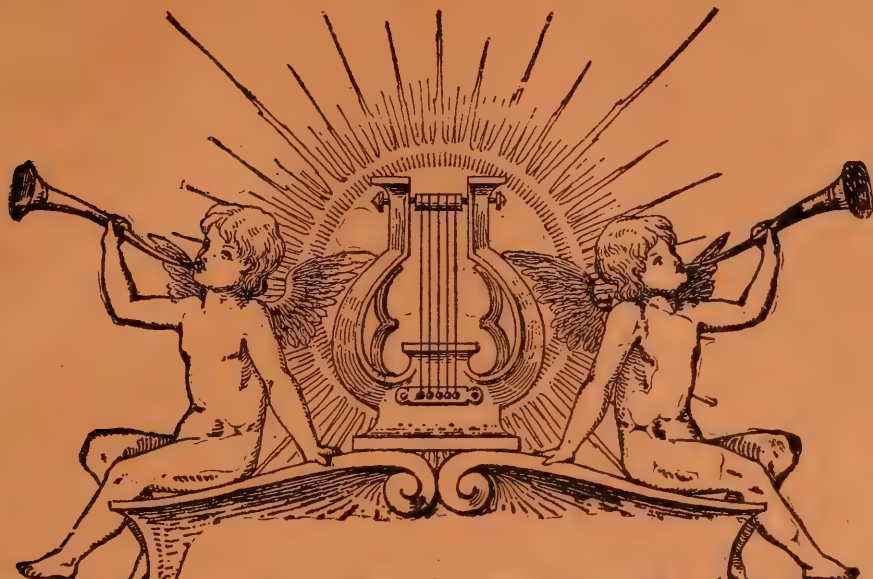
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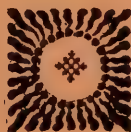
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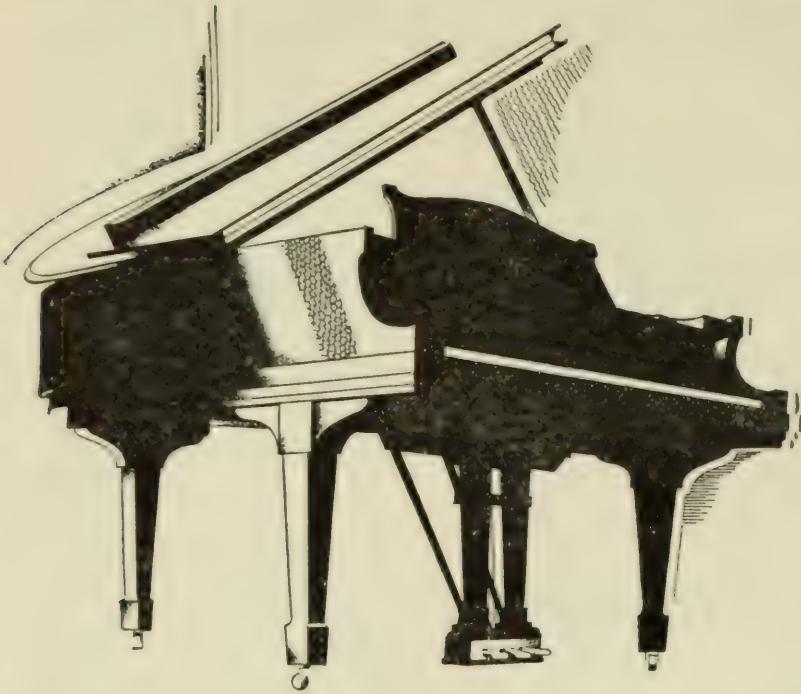
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- IV. Finale (Theme with Variations).

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(Born at Rohrau-on-the-Leitha on April 1, 1732; died at Vienna on May 31, 1809)

This symphony, composed in 1765,* is known as "Mit dem Horn-signal"; also as "Auf den Anstand."† The music has the joy of the chase. One remembers that Haydn wrote another symphony, "La Chasse" (1781), which has been performed at concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He gave titles to certain symphonies; others supplied titles to some. The title often had reference to the "pro-

*Haydn was then the second Kapellmeister in the service of Prince Nikolaus Joseph Esterhazy, who maintained an orchestra at Eisenstadt. Haydn had in 1761 filled this position under Prince Paul Anton Esterhazy, who died in 1762. Gregorius Joseph Werner was the first Kapellmeister. When he died in 1766, Haydn succeeded him and remained at Eisenstadt until 1790, when Prince Anton, the son of Paul Anton, dismissed the orchestra. Haydn then moved to Vienna. The Esterhazy orchestra numbered fifteen members when Haydn was called there. Under Nikolaus Joseph, it was increased to thirty (without singers). Haydn's first symphony was written in 1759, when he was the musical director of Count Morzin's Orchestra at Lukavec near Pilsen.

†*Anstand* meant originally "address, bearing, deportment, dignity"; then, "delay, suspension, pause"; also, "hesitation, doubt, apprehension."

In hunting it meant "a stand, a hiding-place (to lie in wait for game)." *Auf den Anstand gehen*—"to go shooting from a hiding-place," etc. This definition evidently applies to the second title of the symphony.

The German dictionary of the eighteenth century that is at hand does not give this last definition. Christian Ludwig's "Teutsch (*sic*) Englisches Lexicon" (Leipsic, 1765), contains many curious colloquial expressions, phrases, even slang terms—a most readable book of 2,370 double columns, quarto—but the hunting term is not mentioned.

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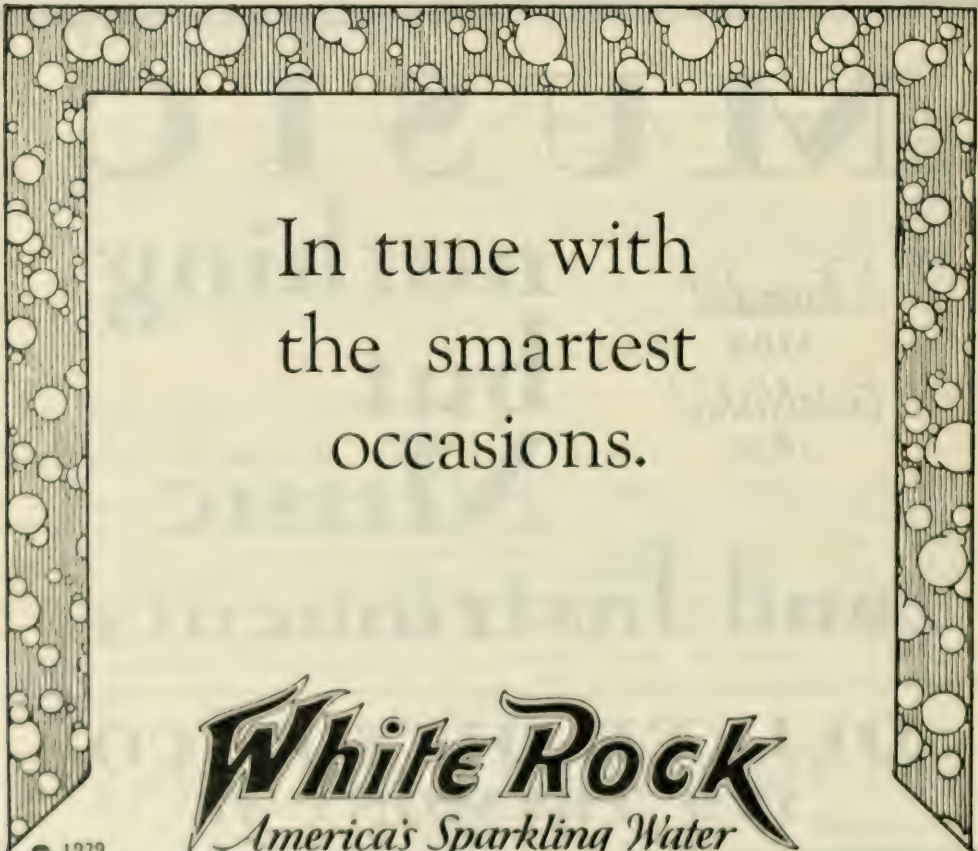
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gramme character" of the music, even though it was applicable to only one movement. And so one finds *Le Matin*, *Le Midi*, *Le Soir*, *Der Philosoph*, *Weihnachtssinfonie*, *Abschiedsinfonie*, *Maria Theresia*, *La Passione*, *L'Impériale*, *Der Schulmeister*, *Feuersinfonie*, *Il Distrato*, *La Roxolane*, *Laudon*, *L'Ours*, *La Poule*, *La Reine de France*, *Militärsinfonie*, *Die Uhr*, *Salomon*, *The Drum Stroke* or *The Surprise*, Oxford, etc.

This symphony is noteworthy because the score calls for four horns. This is the first instance, it is believed, that so many horns were employed in a symphony. There are four horns for the hunters' chorus in Haydn's "Seasons," so that the symphony seems to some a preparatory study. The score also calls for one flute, two oboes, and the usual strings.

I. Allegro, D major, 3-4. The first theme is in two sections: first, the horn call; the second, as a distant answer. A figure is introduced at the end of this second section that was a favorite one with Mozart—as in the "Jupiter" Symphony. There are quieter melodic measures. The flute introduces the horns for a second theme, with succeeding measures for the strings. In the working-out section following this last subject, but inverted, comes the second theme also the earlier echoing answer. The repetition section begins with the supplementary theme, now in D minor, the "answering" section in D major; there is a passing reference to the quieter, more melodic measures; finally, the ending of the movement with



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the first section of the first theme. In Haydn's catalogue, the tempo is given as *Larghetto*, but this is probably due to some error.

II. *Adagio*, G major, 6-8. Only horns and strings are employed. The most important thematic material is in the opening solo for violin, with its ornamented melody. Horns are in dialogue with this violin and a solo violoncello. Horns at once take the beginning of the theme for the solo violin. In this movement, the horns are used in two keys, D and G. The *Adagio* has somewhat the character of a *Sicilienne*, in the accompaniment to the melody as in the melody itself.

III. *Menuet*, D major, 3-4. A sturdy movement in which all the instruments are simultaneously engaged; but in the *Trio*, D major, 3-4, there is alternate play of instruments.

IV. The *Finale*—*Molto moderato*—*Presto*, has an unusual character. The strings play a quiet theme in simple song-form. Then follow seven variations:

1. Two oboes and two horns, accompanied by strings.
2. Violoncello solo, with strings accompanying.
3. Flute solo, with strings.
4. Horn quartet, with strings. The first horn part goes to *F*-sharp.
5. Violin solo, with strings.
6. The full orchestra. The theme is not changed melodically or harmonically, but the instrumentation differs from that of the first entrance. The orchestra remains *piano* throughout the variation.
7. Violoncello solo, with strings. A short passage leads to a *Presto* in 3-4. Figures in sixteenth notes, until *A* is held in the upper voice (first violins, two horns), while a new theme enters. It is repeated in echo fashion, and then the first theme of the first movement brings the end.

Some—Deldevez among them—refer to this symphony as *Concertante* on account of the solo parts.



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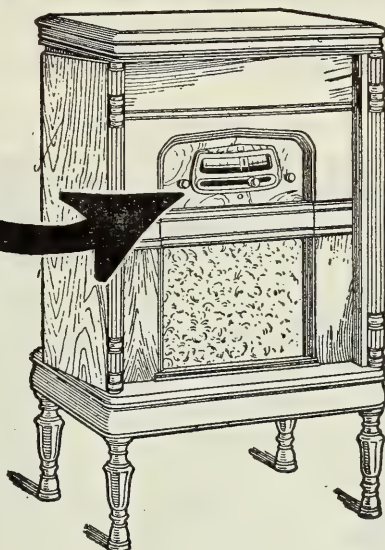
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BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

The first performance in the United States of this Bolero as a concert piece was by the Philharmonic Society of New York, Mr. Toscanini conductor, on November 14, 1929. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on December 6, 1929.

Tempo di ballo, moderato assai, 3-4. A drum gives the dance rhythm, which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a "tornado of sound."

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of "Valencia," had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.

Ravel's Bolero calls for these instruments: piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, oboe d'amour, English horn, two clarinets, one E-flat clarinet, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, three saxophones, kettledrums, side drums, cymbals, tam-tam, celesta, harp, and the usual strings.

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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czerwinski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

The name "Bolero" or "Volero" is supposed by some to come from *volar*, to fly, "because a Manchega expert had danced the Seguidillas so wonderfully and lightly that he seemed to fly." Is the Bolero the outcome of the Seguidillas? When the Bolero or Fandango is danced as a ballet by eight persons, it is usually called the Seguidillas.

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and especially of the most typical type, called flamenco, lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."* He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals,

*"Gatherings from Spain" was published in 1846.—P. H.

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beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless. The sharp, spirit-stirring click is heard behind the scenes—the effect is instantaneous—it creates life under the ribs of death—it silences the tongues of countless women—*on n'écoute que le ballet*. The curtain draws up; the bounding pair dart forward from the opposite sides like two separated lovers, who, after long search, have found each other again, nor do they seem to think of the public, but only of each other; the glitter of the gossamer costume of the *Majo* and *Maja* seems invented for this Dance—the sparkle of the gold lace and silver filigree adds to the lightness of their motions; the transparent, form-designing *saya* of the lady heightens the charms of a faultless symmetry which it fain would conceal; no cruel stays fetter her serpentine flexibility. They pause—bend forward an instant—prove their supple limbs* and arms; the band strikes up, they turn fondly towards each other, and start into life. . . . The accompaniment of the castanet gives employment to their upraised arms. '*C'est,*' say the French, '*le pantomime d'amour.*' The enamored youth persecutes the coy, coquettish maiden; who shall describe the advances—her timid retreat; his eager pursuit, like Apollo chasing Daphne? Now they gaze on each other; now all is life, love, and action; now there is a pause. They stop motionless at a moment, and grow into the earth. It carries all before it. There is a truth which overpowers the fastidious judgment. Away, then, with the studied grace of the French danseuse, beautiful but artificial, cold and selfish as is the flicker of her love, compared to the real impassioned abandon of the daughters of the South. There is nothing indecent in this dance; no one is tired or the worse for it; indeed, its only fault is its being too short, for, as Molière says, '*Un ballet ne saurait être trop long, pourvu que la morale soit bonne, et la métaphysique bien entendue.*' Notwithstanding this most profound remark, the Toledan clergy, out of mere jealousy, wished to put the Bolero down, on the pretense of immorality. The dancers were allowed in evidence to give a view to the court; when they began, the bench and bar showed symptoms of recklessness, and, at last, casting aside gowns and briefs, both joined, as if tarantula-bitten, in the irresistible capering. Verdict, for the defendant with costs."

In 1882, Emmanuel Chabrier journeyed in Spain. The result was his superb orchestral rhapsody "España." He wrote to his publisher Costellat letters descriptive of the dances he saw in the Andalusian *bailes*, where the "upper classes" were not to be seen. These letters about the authentic Spanish dances were published in the Music Review

*Yet the English have laughed at the Americans for certain prudish euphemisms.—P. H.

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S. I. M. (January 15, February 15, 1909). Extracts from them are given in Georges Servièrès' life of Chabrier: "Two guitarists, solemn, cigarette between the lips, continue to scratch no matter what, in three time. (Only the tango is in duple time.) The cries of the woman excite the dancer, who becomes literally mad of her body" (these dancers were gypsies in Seville). Chabrier spoke of the spectators clapping their hands in 3-4 *à contretemps*, while the guitar followed peacefully its own rhythm. "As others beat time *forte* with each measure, each one beating a little at will, there was a most curious amalgamation of rhythms."

Then there are Théophile Gautier's descriptions of Spanish dancers; and in the five volumes of his theatrical criticisms, eloquent studies of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis's chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the "Escenas Andaluzas" (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for "the deeper significance of Spanish dancing" to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in "Hampa" (1898).

JAZZ-SUITE FOR ORCHESTRA, OP. 28 LOUIS GRUENBERG

(Born in Russia on August 3, 1883; living in Brooklyn, N.Y.)

When this Suite was performed for the first time anywhere at Cincinnati, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, on March 22, 1929, Fritz Reiner, conductor, a pencil note in the score stated that the first movement was composed and completed December 15, 1925. The last movement bore only one word in the score—"Paris." The Suite was then in manuscript. Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati is the author of the following synopsis:

"III. Blues tempo, slow drag (*Moderato ma non troppo*). Horns begin the blues; the 'break' is in muted trumpets, bassoon, and a muted trombone. Strings meanwhile descend chromatically. Next the violoncellos have the song. Then it leaps about grotesquely from voice to voice, always with elaborate rhythmic figures between the phrases. And thus it continues, with occasional climaxes of richer

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tone by the orchestra, and the movement again comes to a soft close.

"IV. One-step tempo (*Allegro assai*). In contrast with the preceding movement, gayety and movement now reign. The orchestra beats out a rapid and decided tempo, against which the strings begin to leap. The trumpet, the mainstay of jazz, replies. The dance-phrases are lengthened out in both. We cannot follow the entire movement in detail. Its main characteristic is the inexorable march of the tempo with its one-two beat. Occasionally there are little interludes, as of bassoon and bass-clarinet at one place. The Suite concludes in a wild blare, to which the orchestra rises by chromatic steps."

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The Suite was performed in Los Angeles by the Philharmonic Orchestra of that city, Dr. Artur Rodzinski, conductor, on January 30, 1930.

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Gruenberg's symphonic poem, "The Enchanted Isle," was performed in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on November 8, 1929.

His "Daniel Jazz" was performed in Boston at a concert of the Chamber Music Club and the Flute Players Club in Jordan Hall on April 23, 1928. Colin O'More, tenor, sang the text of Vachel Lindsay's poem; Richard Burgin conducted the Chamber Orchestra. The programme also included Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" (Greta Torpadie, singer), Stravinsky's Octet for wind instruments, and Hindemith's "Marienlider" (Miss Torpadie, singer; Mr. Tillotson, pianist).

Among his compositions are "Creation"; "Vagabondia" (first performance in Prague by the Prague Philharmonic); a Ballet, "the book, which I wrote myself, standing in the way of a production"; "The Dumb Wife"* opera in two acts, "never produced because of failure of obtaining the performing rights"; the music of an operalibretto by Busoni, "The Bride of the Gods"; sonatas for violin and piano, a symphony, a piano concerto, songs, and piano pieces.

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Mr. Gruenberg came to the United States in 1885 and was educated in the public schools of New York. He took piano lessons of Adele Margulies. He later studied at the master school of the Vienna Conservatory; still later, with Busoni, piano-playing and composition. He also studied composition at Berlin with Fr. E Koch. Having toured in European countries as a pianist, he returned to the United States with Busoni. In 1919 he played at a recital in New York some of his own compositions, among them "Five Impressions based on Oriental Themes." He is one of the founders of the American Composers' Guild; a director of the International Composers' Guild; president of the United States section of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

*Is this opera based on Anatole France's "Comédie de celui qui épousa une femme muette," produced at the Porte-Saint-Martin, Paris, on May 30, 1912, with Mlle. de Pouzols taking the part of Catherine? The play was seen in Boston with Lillah McCarthy as Catherine in the translation made by Curtis Hidden Page for Granville Barker.

"SCHELOMO" ("SOLOMON"), HEBREW RHAPSODY FOR VIOLONCELLO AND ORCHESTRA ERNEST BLOCH

(Born at Geneva, Switzerland, July 24, 1880; living at San Francisco, Calif.,

"Schelomo" was composed at Geneva, Switzerland, in the first two months of 1916. With the "Trois Poèmes Juifs" (composed in 1916 and played in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, March 23, 1917), the Three Psalms—114, 137, and 22 (1912-14—Psalms 114 and 137 were sung in Boston by Mme. Povla Frijsch at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, November 14, 1919), and the symphony "Israel" (1913-18), it is that portion of Mr. Bloch's work that is peculiarly Hebraic in character. In a letter to the writer of these Programme Books in 1917, Mr. Bloch mentioned a "Symphonie Orientale" on Jewish themes, a Jewish opera, "Jézabel," on which he had begun work, and numerous sketches for other Jewish works. He also wrote at the time that the Psalms, "Schelomo," and "Israel" were more representative than the "Jewish Poems" because they came from the passion and the violence that he believed to be the characteristics of his nature. "It is not my purpose, not my desire, to attempt a 'reconstitution' of Jewish music, or to base my works on melodies more or less authentic. I am not an archæologist. I hold it of first importance to write good, genuine music, *my* music. It is the Jewish soul that interests me, the complex, glowing, agitated soul, that I feel vibrating throughout the Bible: the freshness and naïveté of the Patriarchs; the violence that is evident in the prophetic books; the Jew's savage love of justice; the despair of the Preacher in Jerusalem; the sorrow and the immensity of the Book of Job; the sensuality of the Song of Songs. All this is in us; all this is in me, and it is the better part of me. It is all this that I endeavor to hear in myself and to transcribe in my music: the venerable emotion of the race that slumbers way down in our soul."

Mr. Lawrence Gilman, editor of the Philadelphia Orchestra's Programme Books, wrote when "Schelomo" was performed in Philadelphia:—

"The texture of the music, and especially the writing for the solo violoncello, is extraordinary in its richness of dramatic, poetical, and pictorial suggestion—an imaginative projection of singular vividness and intensity. The violoncellist and the seconding orchestra are by turns lyrist and tragedian, poet and seer. The great king amid his gorgeousness, reflecting in disillusionment upon his silver and his gold, the treasures of his provinces, the abundance of his gardens and his orchards, the fulfilled desires of his heart and eyes; and the Preacher, sombre and mournful in his acrid wisdom, uttering bitter admonitions as he contemplates the vanishing mist that is all delight, the sorrowing echoes of beauty and splendor, 'the shadows of rippled waters, the mysterious reflections of a destiny unguessed and unascertainable,' the rumor of the darkening Wings; these thoughts are implicit in the imaginings of the tone-poet—in the poignant chief subject for the violoncello, with its characteristic figure of a dotted eighth-note, that is heard after the opening five bars of introduction (*Più animato*, 12-8, 'with the utmost expres-

sion'); in the piercing outbursts of despair that invoke the full voicing of the orchestra; in the strange and impressive recitatives for the bassoon and other solo voices—ultimately, with mordant power, for two trumpets fortissimo—which are as the sombre exhortations of the Preacher; in the intervals of sensuous lyricism and imperial pageantry; in the final descent into the depths, the brooding of the violoncello filling the music with the darkness of shut doors and shadowed windows and resolving dust.”

SUITE DERIVED FROM THE DANCED STORY, “THE FIRE-BIRD”

IGOR FEDOROVITCH STRAVINSKY

(Born at Oranienbaum, near Leningrad, on June 5, 1882; now living)

In the summer of 1909 Diaghilev asked Stravinsky to write a ballet founded on the old Russian legend of the Fire-Bird. The score was ready in May, 1910. The scenario was the work of Fokine.

Mr. Montagu-Nathan says in his sketch of Stravinsky—“Contemporary Russian Composers”: “In identifying the literary basis of ‘The Fire-Bird’ with that of Korsakov’s ‘Katscheï,’ it should be pointed out that the latter work is but a *pastiche* of episodes derived from legendary lore, with the monster as a central figure. In Stravinsky’s ballet, the ogre is an accessory character, so far as concerns the dramatic action, but his presence in the scheme is nevertheless vital to it.”

Fokine’s scenario may thus be described: After a short prelude, the curtain rises and the grounds of an old castle are seen. Ivan Tsarevitch, the hero of many tales, in the course of hunting at night, comes to the enchanted garden and sees a beautiful bird with flaming golden plumage. She attempts to pluck fruit of gold from a silver tree. He captures her, but, heeding her entreaties, frees her. In gratitude, she gives him one of her feathers which has magic properties. The dawn breaks. Thirteen enchanted princesses appear, coming from the castle. Ivan, hidden, watches them playing with golden apples, and dancing. Fascinated by them, he finally discloses himself. They tell him that the castle belongs to the terrible Katscheï, who turns decoyed travellers into stone. The princesses warn Ivan of his fate, but he resolves to enter the castle. Opening the gate, he sees Katscheï with his train of grotesque and deformed subjects marching towards him in pompous procession. Katscheï attempts to work his spell on Ivan, who is protected by the feather.

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According to Ralston in his "Russian Folk-Tales," the Fire-Bird is known in its native haunts as the *Zhar-Ptitsa*. Its name, he says, indicates its close connection with flame or light. *Zhar* means "‘glowing heart,’ as of a furnace"; and *Zhar-Ptitsa* means, literally, "the Glow-Bird." "Its appearance corresponds with its designation. Its feathers blaze with golden or silvery sheen, its eyes shine like crystal, it dwells in a golden cage. In the depth of the night it flies into a garden and lights it up as brilliantly as could a thousand burning fires. A single feather from its tail illuminates a dark room. It feeds upon golden apples, which have the power of bestowing youth and beauty—or, according to a Croatian version, on magic grasses."

Katschei is one of the many incarnations of the dark spirit. "Sometimes he is described as altogether serpent-like in form; sometimes he seems to be of a mixed nature, partly human and partly ophidian, but in some stories he is apparently framed after the fashion of a man. . . . He is called 'immortal' or 'deathless' because of his superiority to the ordinary laws of existence. . . . Sometimes his 'death'—that is, the object with which his life is indissolubly connected—does not exist within this body."—Ralston's "Russian Folk-Tales."

The movements of the Suite are as follows:

I. Introduction. Enchanted Garden of Katschei, and the dance of the Fire-Bird.

II. Entreaties of the Fire-Bird.

III. The Princesses Play with the Golden Apples.

III (a). Berceuse. This Lullaby is not in the Suite as first published.

IV. Dance (Ronde) of the Princesses.

V. Infernal Dance of Katschei's subjects.

No movement of the Suite depends for its musical effect on the stage setting or a dramatic situation.

The Suite is scored for piccolo, three flutes (one interchangeable with a second piccolo), three oboes, English horn, three clarinets in A (one interchangeable with a little clarinet in D), bass clarinet, three bassoons (one interchangeable with a second double-bassoon), double-bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, bass tuba, kettledrums, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, bells, tambourine, xylophone, celesta, pianoforte, three harps, sixteen first violins, sixteen second violins, fourteen violas, eight violoncellos, six double basses.

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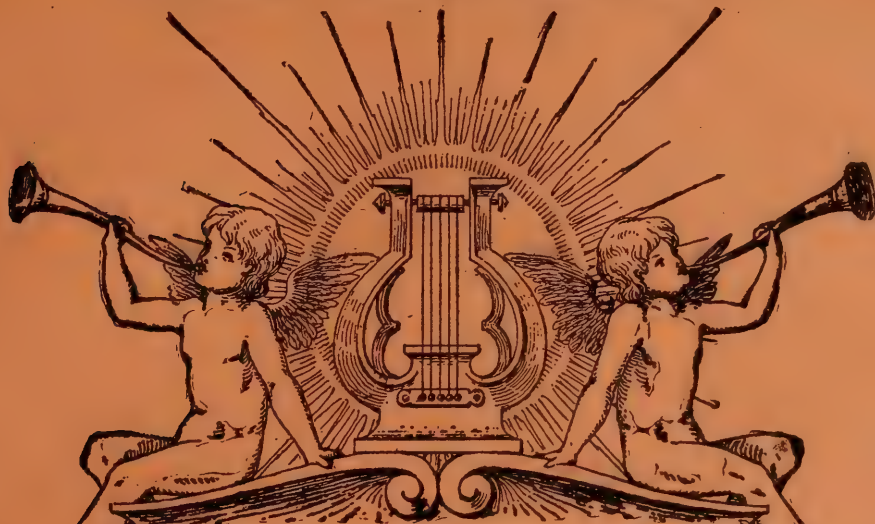
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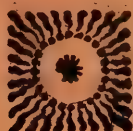
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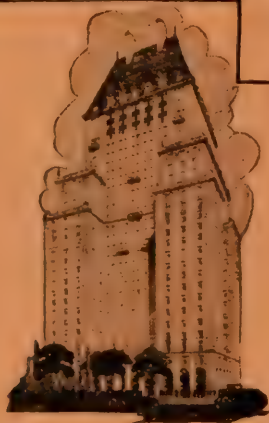
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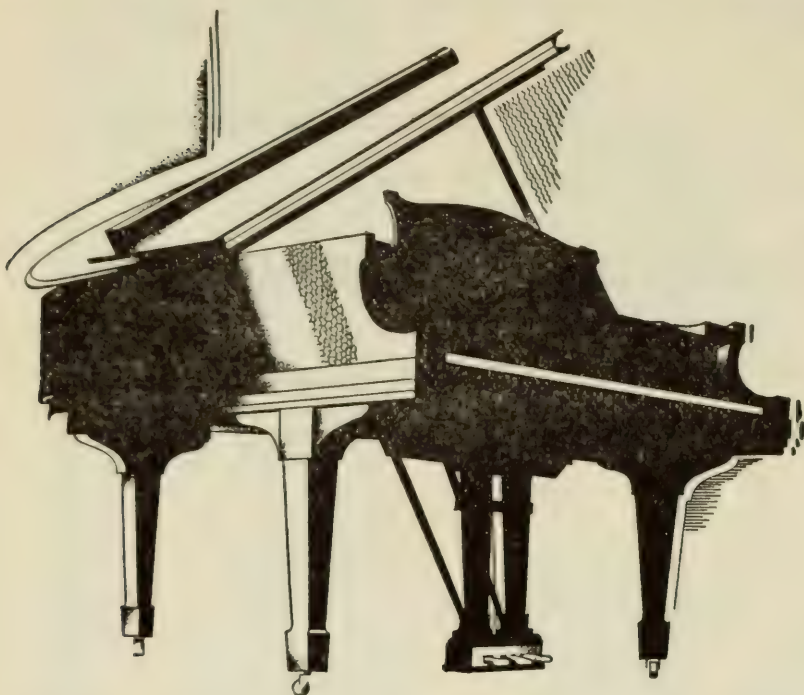
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Two brothers, Anselm and Joseph Hüttenbrenner, were fond of Schubert. Their home was in Graz, Styria, but they were living at Vienna. Anselm was a musician; Joseph was in a government office. Anselm took Schubert to call on Beethoven, and there is a story that the sick man said, "You, Anselm, have my mind; but Franz has my soul." Anselm closed the eyes of Beethoven in death. These brothers were constant in endeavor to make Schubert known. Anselm went so far as to publish a set of "Erlking Waltzes," and assisted in putting Schubert's opera, "Alfonso and Estrella" (1822), in rehearsal at Graz, where it would have been performed if the score had not been too difficult for the orchestra. In 1822 Schubert was elected an honorary member of musical societies of Linz and Graz. In return for the compliment from Graz, he began the Symphony in B minor, No. 8 (October 30, 1822). He finished the Allegro and the Andante, and he wrote nine measures of the Scherzo. Schubert visited Graz in 1827, but neither there nor elsewhere did he ever hear his unfinished work.

Anselm Hüttenbrenner went back to his home about 1820. It

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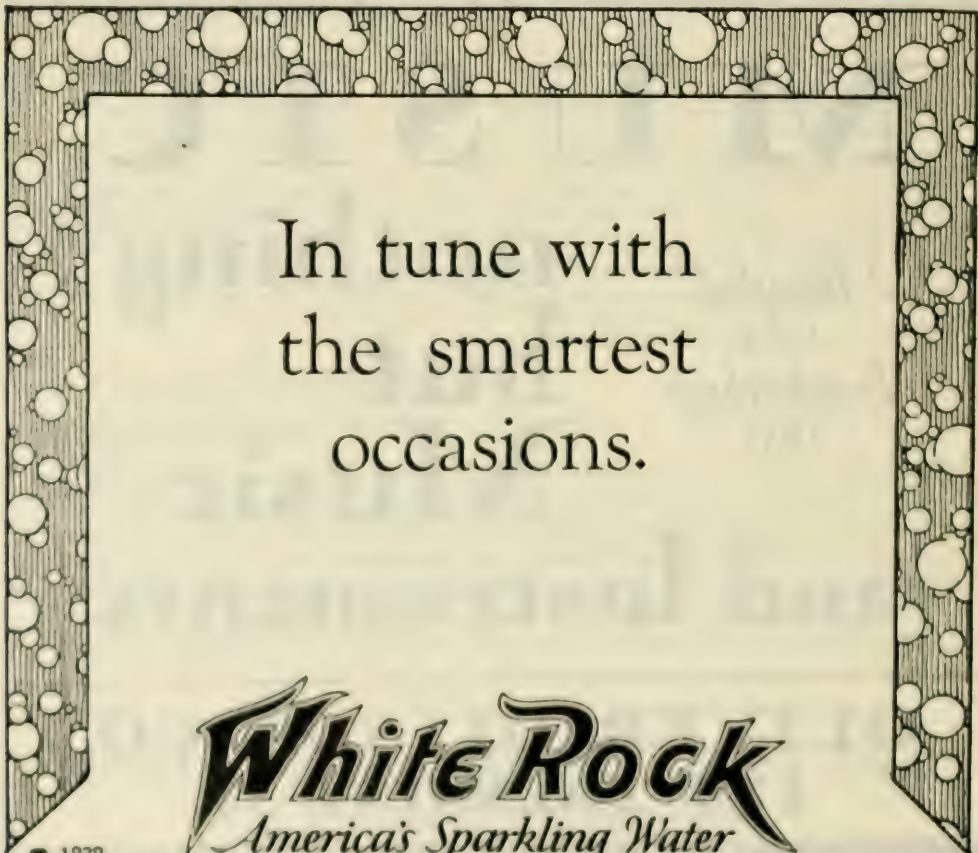
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was during a visit to Vienna that he saw Beethoven dying. Joseph remained at Vienna. In 1860 he wrote from the office of the Minister of the Interior a singular letter to Johann Herbeck, who then conducted the concerts of the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde. He begged permission to sing in concerts as a member of the society, and urged him to look over symphonies, overtures, songs, quartets, choruses by Anselm. He added towards the end of the letter, "He [Anselm] has a treasure in Schubert's B minor symphony, which we put on a level with the great Symphony in C, his instrumental swan-song, and any one of the symphonies by Beethoven."

Herbeck was inactive and silent for five years, although he visited Graz several times. Perhaps he was afraid that if the manuscript came to light, he could not gain possession of it, and the symphony, like the one in C, would be produced elsewhere than in Vienna. Perhaps he thought the price of producing one of Anselm Hüttenbrenner's works in Vienna too dear. There is reason to believe that Joseph insisted on this condition. (See "Johann Herbeck," by L. Herbeck, Vienna, 1885, page 165.)

In 1865 Herbeck was obliged to journey with his sister-in-law, who sought health. They stopped in Graz. On May 1 he went to Ober-Andritz, where the old and tired Anselm, in a hidden, little



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one-story cottage, was awaiting death. Herbeck sat down in a humble inn. He talked with the landlord, who told him that Anselm was in the habit of breakfasting there. While they were talking, Anselm appeared. After a few words Herbeck said, "I am here to ask permission to produce one of your works at Vienna." The old man brightened, he shed his indifference, and after breakfast took him to his home. The workroom was stuffed with yellow and dusty papers, all in confusion. Anselm showed his own manuscripts, and finally Herbeck chose one of the ten overtures for performance. "It is my purpose," he said, "to bring forward three contemporaries, Schubert, Hüttenbrenner, and Lachner, in one concert before the Viennese public. It would naturally be very appropriate to represent Schubert by a new work." "Oh, I have still a lot of things by Schubert," answered the old man; and he pulled a mass of papers out of an old-fashioned chest. Herbeck immediately saw on the cover of a manuscript "*Symphonie in H moll*," in Schubert's handwriting. Herbeck looked the symphony over. "This would do. Will you let me have it copied immediately at my cost?" "There is no hurry," answered Anselm, "take it with you."

The symphony was first played at a Gesellschaft concert, Vienna, December 17, 1865, under Herbeck's direction. The programme was as follows:—

Overture in C minor (new)		<i>Hüttenbrenner</i>
Symphony in B minor		<i>Schubert</i>
1. Allegro	} (MS. First time.)	
2. Andante		
3. Presto vivace, D major		
Old German Songs, unaccompanied		
1. Liebesklage	} (First time.)	<i>Herbeck</i>
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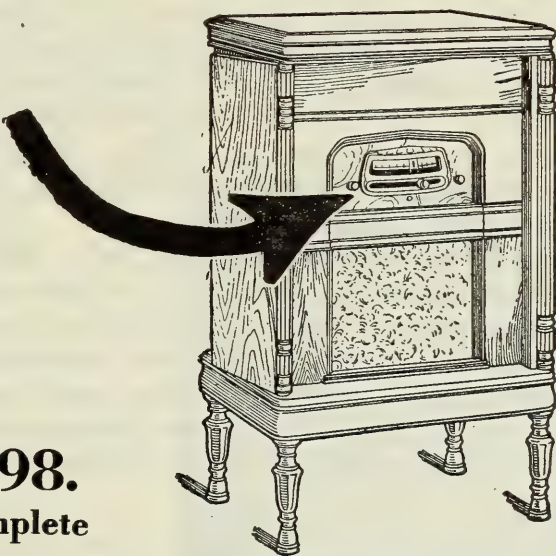
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Hüttenbrenner's overture was described as "respectable Kapellmeistermusik; no one can deny its smoothness of style and a certain skill in the workmanship." The composer died in 1868.

The Unfinished Symphony was played at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, in 1867. The first performance in Boston was by the Orchestral Union, led by Carl Zerrahn, February 26, 1868. The first performance at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston was on February 11, 1882, Georg Henschel, conductor. The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, three trombones, kettle-drums, strings.

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

The first performance in the United States of this Bolero as a concert piece was by the Philharmonic Society of New York, Mr. Toscanini conductor, on November 14, 1929. The first performance in Boston was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on December 6, 1929.

Tempo di ballo, moderato assai, 3-4. A drum gives the dance rhythm, which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a "tornado of sound."

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first

*"Some years after the discovery of the 'Unfinished' Symphony, the Friends of Music instituted a search for another missing work, often referred to as the Ninth Symphony. The archives at Gasteln were ransacked. They found no trace of the work they were seeking, but unexpectedly turned up a thin bundle of original manuscripts in Schubert's handwriting containing fragments of songs—the original of the 'Trout' quintet, and four pages bearing the notation in Schubert's handwriting 'Sketches for the Scherzo of the II moll.'"

"The first public performance took place on Sunday, October 30, 1927, before the radio audience of America, when the sixteen stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System played the two movements of the Symphony and then surprised the audience by playing Schubert's sketches for the third movement, orchestrated by Mitya Stillman of New York."—R. L. Dinyon.

to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of "Valencia," had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.

Ravel's Bolero calls for these instruments: piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, oboe d'amour, English horn, two clarinets, one E-flat clarinet, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, three saxophones, kettledrums, side drums, cymbals, tam-tam, celesta, harp, and the usual strings.

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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czerwinski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and especially of the most typical type, called flamenco, lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."* He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals, beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless. The sharp, spirit-stirring click is heard behind the scenes—the effect is instantaneous—it creates life under the ribs of death—it silences the tongues of countless women—*on n'écoute que le ballet*. The curtain draws up; the bounding pair dart forward from the opposite sides like two separated lovers, who, after long search, have found each other again, nor do they seem to think of the public, but only of each other; the glitter of the gossamer costume of the *Majo* and *Maja* seems invented for this Dance—the sparkle of the gold lace and silver filigree adds to the lightness of their motions; the transparent, form-designing *saya* of the lady heightens the charms of a faultless symmetry which it fain would conceal; no cruel stays fetter her serpentine flexibility. They pause—bend forward an instant—prove their supple limbs† and arms; the band strikes up, they turn fondly towards each other, and start into life. . . . The accompaniment of the castanet gives employment to their upraised arms. '*C'est*,' say the French, '*le pantomime d'amour*.' The enamored youth persecutes the coy, coquettish maiden; who

*"Gatherings from Spain" was published in 1846.—P. H.

†Yet the English have laughed at the Americans for certain prudish euphemisms.—P. H.

shall describe the advances—her timid retreat; his eager pursuit, like Apollo chasing Daphne? Now they gaze on each other; now all is life, love, and action; now there is a pause. They stop motionless at a moment, and grow into the earth. It carries all before it. There is a truth which overpowers the fastidious judgment. Away, then, with the studied grace of the French danseuse, beautiful but artificial, cold and selfish as is the flicker of her love, compared to the real impassioned abandon of the daughters of the South. There is nothing indecent in this dance; no one is tired or the worse for it; indeed, its only fault is its being too short, for, as Molière says, '*Un ballet ne saurait être trop long, pourvu que la morale soit bonne, et la métaphysique bien entendue.*' Notwithstanding this most profound remark, the Toledan clergy, out of mere jealousy, wished to put the Bolero down, on the pretense of immorality. The dancers were allowed in evidence to give a view to the court; when they began, the bench and bar showed symptoms of recklessness, and, at last, casting aside gowns and briefs, both joined, as if tarantula-bitten, in the irresistible capering. Verdict, for the defendant with costs."

In 1882, Emmanuel Chabrier journeyed in Spain. The result was his superb orchestral rhapsody "España." He wrote to his publisher Costellat letters descriptive of the dances he saw in the Andalusian *bailes*, where the "upper classes" were not to be seen. These letters about the authentic Spanish dances were published in the Music Review S. I. M. (January 15, February 15, 1909). Extracts from them are given in Georges Servièrès' life of Chabrier: "Two guitarists, solemn, cigarette between the lips, continue to scratch no matter what, in three time. (Only the tango is in duple time.) The cries of the woman excite the dancer, who becomes literally mad of her body" (these dancers were gypsies in Seville). Chabrier spoke of the spectators clapping their hands in 3-4 *à contretemps*, while the guitar followed peacefully its own rhythm. "As others beat time *forte* with each measure, each one beating a little at will, there was a most curious amalgamation of rhythms."

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of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis's chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the "Escenas Andaluzas" (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for "the deeper significance of Spanish dancing" to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in "Hampa" (1898).

"SCHELOMO" ("SOLOMON"), HEBREW RHAPSODY FOR VIOLONCELLO AND ORCHESTRA ERNEST BLOCH

(Born at Geneva, Switzerland, July 24, 1880; living at San Francisco, Calif.,

"Schelomo" was composed at Geneva, Switzerland, in the first two months of 1916. With the "Trois Poèmes Juifs" (composed in 1916 and played in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, March 23, 1917), the Three Psalms—114, 137, and 22 (1912–14—Psalms 114 and 137 were sung in Boston by Mme. Povla Frijsh at a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, November 14, 1919), and the symphony "Israel" (1913–18), it is that portion of Mr. Bloch's work that is peculiarly Hebraic in character. In a letter to the writer of these Programme Books in 1917, Mr. Block mentioned a "Symphonie Orientale" on Jewish themes, a Jewish opera, "Jézabel," on which he had begun work, and numerous sketches for other Jewish works. He also wrote at the time that the Psalms, "Schelomo," and "Israel" were more representative than the "Jewish Poems" because they came from the passion and the violence that he believed to be the characteristics of his nature. "It is not my purpose, not my desire, to attempt a 'reconstitution' of Jewish music, or to base my works on melodies more or less authentic. I am not an archæologist. I hold it of first importance to write good, genuine music, *my* music. It is the Jewish soul that interests me, the complex, glowing, agitated soul, that I feel vibrating throughout the Bible: the freshness and naïveté of the Patriarchs; the violence that is evident in the prophetic books; the Jew's savage love of justice; the despair of the Preacher in Jerusalem; the sorrow and the immensity of the Book of Job; the sensuality of the Song of Songs. All this is in us; all this is in me, and it is the better part of me. It is all this that I endeavor to hear in myself and to transcribe in my music: the venerable emotion of the race that slumbers way down in our soul."

Mr. Lawrence Gilman, editor of the Philadelphia Orchestra's Programme Books, wrote when "Schelomo" was performed in Philadelphia:—

"The texture of the music, and especially the writing for the solo violoncello, is extraordinary in its richness of dramatic, poetical, and pictorial suggestion—an imaginative projection of singular vividness and intensity. The violoncellist and the seconding orchestra are by turns lyrist and tragedian, poet and seer. The great king

amid his gorgeousness, reflecting in disillusionment upon his silver and his gold, the treasures of his provinces, the abundance of his gardens and his orchards, the fulfilled desires of his heart and eyes; and the Preacher, sombre and mournful in his acrid wisdom, uttering bitter admonitions as he contemplates the vanishing mist that is all delight, the sorrowing echoes of beauty and splendor, 'the shadows of rippled waters, the mysterious reflections of a destiny unguessed and unascertainable,' the rumor of the darkening Wings; these thoughts are implicit in the imaginings of the tone-poet—in the poignant chief subject for the violoncello, with its characteristic figure of a dotted eighth-note, that is heard after the opening five bars of introduction (*Più animato*, 12-8, 'with the utmost expression'); in the piercing outbursts of despair that invoke the full voicing of the orchestra; in the strange and impressive recitatives for the bassoon and other solo voices—ultimately, with mordant power, for two trumpets fortissimo—which are as the sombre exhortations of the Preacher; in the intervals of sensuous lyricism and imperial pageantry; in the final descent into the depths, the brooding of the violoncello filling the music with the darkness of shut doors and shadowed windows and resolving dust."

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(Born in Russia on August 3, 1883; living in Brooklyn, N.Y.)

When this Suite was performed for the first time anywhere at Cincinnati, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, on March 22, 1929, Fritz Reiner, conductor, a pencil note in the score stated that the first movement was composed and completed December 15, 1925. The last movement bore only one word in the score—"Paris." The Suite was then in manuscript. Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati is the author of the following synopsis:

"I. Fox Trot tempo (*Allegro ben ritmico*). A bassoon begins the dance with down-rushing flutes, plucking strings, and muted trumpets. Flutes and other woodwinds continue to revel. Trombones slide softly; next bassoons and clarinets, then a solo viola. But the voices follow upon one another too fast to record. Two trumpets rise above the other instruments in a langourous jazz-

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phrase, followed by a rhythmic 'break' by the woodwinds. Again the trumpets, then the horns, then the trombones. First violins rise to a long-drawn song of a decidedly blue color, increasing in power with rapid intakes of breath, culminating in a stuttering trumpet. The violins sing, and are answered by the brasses. Now the orchestra rises to a tutti syncopation, followed by the woodwinds. This is followed by a slow dance-song by the contra-bassoon and other woodwinds. This is further developed, and finally the movement comes to an end, pizzicato.

"II. Boston Waltz tempo (Valse lento e molto languido). Against a soft tremulous accompaniment of strings begins the waltz. In the intervals between its phrases there are elaborate figures in the woodwinds and string—also strange cackles by other of the brasses. First woodwinds and then the first violins continue the dance-strain in broader and more lyric fashion. Suddenly the tempo shifts to Presto, and for a few measures the waltz swirls dizzily, then returns to its former measured pace. Then follow several of these frenetic interludes, and the movement comes to a close (in the strings and bassoons).

"III. Blues tempo, slow drag (Moderato ma non troppo). Horns begin the blues; the 'break' is in muted trumpets, bassoon, and a muted trombone. Strings meanwhile descend chromatically. Next the violoncellos have the song. Then it leaps about grotesquely from voice to voice, always with elaborate rhythmic figures between the phrases. And thus it continues, with occasional climaxes of richer tone by the orchestra, and the movement again comes to a soft close.

"IV. One-step tempo (Allegro assai). In contrast with the preceding movement, gayety and movement now reign. The orchestra beats out a rapid and decided tempo, against which the strings begin to leap. The trumpet, the mainstay of jazz, replies. The dance-phrases are lengthened out in both. We cannot follow the entire movement in detail. Its main characteristic is the inexorable march of the tempo with its one-two beat. Occasionally there are little interludes, as of bassoon and bass-clarinet at one place. The Suite concludes in a wild blare, to which the orchestra rises by chromatic steps."

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Gruenberg's symphonic poem, "The Enchanted Isle," was performed in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on November 8, 1929.

His "Daniel Jazz" was performed in Boston at a concert of the Chamber Music Club and the Flute Players Club in Jordan Hall on April 23, 1928. Colin O'More, tenor, sang the text of Vachel Lindsay's poem; Richard Burgin conducted the Chamber Orchestra. The programme also included Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" (Greta Torpadie, singer), Stravinsky's Octet for wind instruments, and Hindemith's "Marienlider" (Miss Torpadie, singer; Mr. Tillotson, pianist).

Among his compositions are "Creation"; "Vagabondia" (first performance in Prague by the Prague Philharmonic); a Ballet, "the book, which I wrote myself, standing in the way of a production"; "The Dumb Wife"* opera in two acts, "never produced because of failure of obtaining the performing rights"; the music of an operalibretto by Busoni, "The Bride of the Gods"; sonatas for violin and piano, a symphony, a piano concerto, songs, and piano pieces.

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Mr. Gruenberg came to the United States in 1885 and was educated in the public schools of New York. He took piano lessons of Adele Margulies. He later studied at the master school of the Vienna Conservatory; still later, with Busoni, piano-playing and composition. He also studied composition at Berlin with Fr. E Koch. Having toured in European countries as a pianist, he returned to the United States with Busoni. In 1919 he played at a recital in New York some of his own compositions, among them "Five Impressions based on Oriental Themes." He is one of the founders of the American Composers' Guild; a director of the International Composers' Guild; president of the United States section of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

*Is this opera based on Anatole France's "Comédie de celui qui épousa une femme muette," produced at the Porte-Saint-Martin, Paris, on May 30, 1912, with Mlle. de Pouzols taking the part of Catherine? The play was seen in Boston with Lillah McCarthy as Catherine in the translation made by Curtis Hidden Page for Granville Barker.

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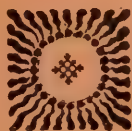
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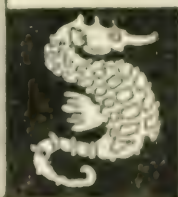
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Vivaldi was born some time during the latter half of the Seventeenth Century at Venice, where his father was violinist at St. Mark's Church. Little is known about Antonio's early history. It is supposed that he spent several years in Germany. We know that he was director of music to Duke Philip of Hesse—some say Duke Philip of Hesse-Philippsthal, Ernest Ludwig—at Mantua, where the Duke had a residence from 1707 to 1713, when he returned to Venice. He was appointed *maestro de concerti* at the Ospedale-della Pietà, a foundling hospital for girls, with a choir and an orchestra, all women. In 1714 he was appointed violinist at St. Mark's Church. He was red-headed and a priest, so he was known as "Il Prese rosso."

Vivaldi composed a great quantity of music for the violin (according to Riemann, there are in Dresden alone eighty concertos in

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manuscript), and he wrote operas from 1713 to 1739—thirty-eight, it is said,—twenty-two of them for Venice. Few of his works have been printed. His published compositions include twelve trios for two violins and 'cello (Op. 1); eighteen violin sonatas with bass (Op. 2 and 5); "Estro Poetico," twelve concertos for four violins, two violas, 'cello, and organ bass (Op. 3); twenty-four concertos for solo violin, two violins *ripieni*, viola, and organ bass (Op. 4, 6 and 7); "Le Quattro Stagioni," twelve concertos for four and five voices (Op. 8); "La Cetera," six concertos for five voices (Op. 9); six concertos for flute, violin, viola, 'cello and organ bass (Op. 10); twelve concertos for solo violin, two violins, viola, 'cello and organ bass (Op. 11 and 12).

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(Born at Karevo, district of Toropeta, in the government of Pskov, on March 28, 1835; died at Leningrad on March 28, 1881)

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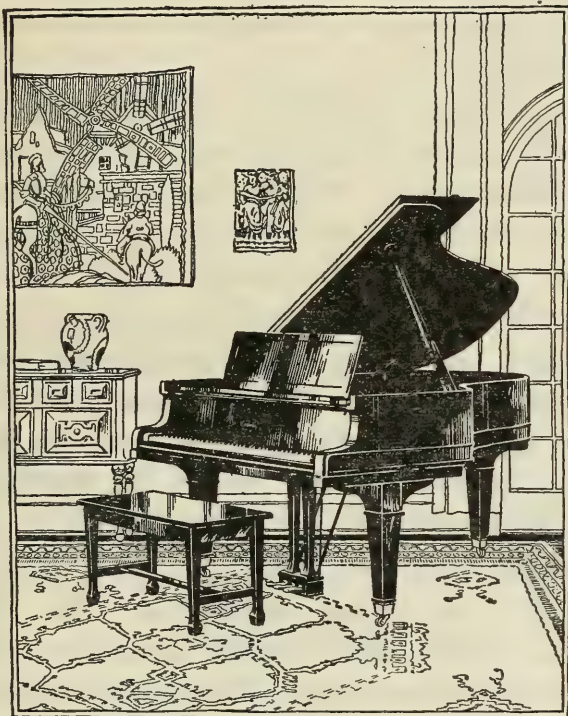
and strings. The Prelude was performed for the first time in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on October 24, 1924, Dr. Koussevitzky, conductor.

The opera, which has for its subject the conflict between Old and New Russia at the end of the seventeenth century, was suggested to Moussorgsky by his friend Vladimir Stassov, the celebrated wit and music critic (1824–1906). "It seemed to me," Stassov wrote in 1872, "that the antagonism between Old and New Russia, the disappearance of one and the coming of the other, would furnish a fertile field for a drama or an opera, and Moussorgsky agreed with me. I thought to bring out in relief the noble figure of Dosifei, the leader of the *Raskolniki* (Old Believers), an energetic, intelligent, clear-seeing, experienced person, around whom would move Prince Khovanski, the representative of fanatical Russia, and Prince Golitzin, the representative of civilized Europe, that one was beginning to understand and appreciate even in the circle of the tsarevna Sophie. Other characters were to be the pastor and his old sister; their niece; two female *Raskolniki*—Marfa, vibrating with youth and passion (something after the manner of Potiphar's wife), Susanne, malicious, fanatical; the child Peter the Great; the intelligent Sophie, in the midst of her fierce Streltzy; the suicide *en masse* of the heretics at the end of the opera, when Dosifei sees

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that Old Russia is on its deathbed to give place to the New—all this appeared to us, characters and situations, passionate material full of promise.”

Oskar von Rieseemann tells us that, in preparation for the opera, Moussorgsky “devoted himself to researches into the sectarian disputes of Old Russia and pored for months over the old chronicles in the monasteries of Moscow.” (It was not until the summer of 1859 that he was able to see Moscow.)

“Khovanstchina” (accent on the first *a*) is a word of little meaning. “The last syllables are only a contemptuous suffix in Russian, like ‘ery’ in English,” says Rieseemann. “When the young Tsar Petro (not yet ‘the Great’ was told of a plot that the two Princes Khovansky had formed against him, with the design of seizing on the crown of the Russian Tsardom, he dismissed the whole affair with a contemptuous shrug, and the word, ‘Khovanstchina!’ and gave orders to let the matter drop. The ‘dropping’ meant that the two Princes Khovansky, father and son, were publicly hanged; but otherwise the conspiracy had no further result. So far as the Russian Empire was concerned, Moussorgsky, however, did not keep to historical facts in the dénouement of his opera.

Moussorgsky completed the first act in the summer of 1875. He had been hindered by his official duties, the troubles attending the production of “Boris Godounov,” and he already had plans for the comic opera “The Fair at Sorotchintzy,” in his head. He had also written some of his best works in this period. He had to work out the whole dramatic scheme of “Khovanstchina” and write every line of his libretto. The second act was ready in December, 1875, with the exception of a quintet. In 1876 he wrote, “I find a great deal of it not what it ought to be.” The third act was completed in



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May, 1876. Scenes in the fourth act are dated 1879–1880. There were sketches for the fifth as early as 1873, but they were worked out and put together only a few months before his death.

Rimsky-Korsakov, at a concert of the Free School of Music in Leningrad in the winter of 1879–80, conducted some fragments from the opera: the chorus of the Streltzy, Marfa's Song, and the 'Dance of the Persian Slave Girls.' Moussorgsky provided the orchestral accompaniment for the first two numbers—almost the only pages of the opera that he ever scored. In the years 1881–1882, Rimsky devoted himself to editing, arranging, and scoring of the opera, endeavoring to gain unity and consistency, cutting and adding when it was necessary, especially in the last act.

The first performance in Russia was in February, 1886,* by an amateur company in Leningrad, the Musical-Dramatic Society. The Imperial Theatre would not even consider a production until February, 1911. The production took place on November 7 of that year, with Chaliapin taking the part of Dosifei. The first performance outside Russia was at the Opéra, Paris, in 1913. Diaghilev was the producer, declaring that Rimsky-Korsakov had left "not one stone on another." Of the original work he entrusted the preparation of a new version to Stravinsky and Ravel: "It was a failure—nothing has ever been heard of the new version since. All that was published was the final chorus, rewritten by Stravinsky, which shows no special improvement on Rimsky-Korsakov's ver-

*Riesemann gives this date. Some writers say 1885.

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sion." When Dr. Koussevitzky conducted the performance at the Paris Opéra in 1923, Rimsky-Korsakov's version was reinstated.

Moscow heard the opera in 1897; a Russian company performed it in London on July 1, 1913; Sir Thomas Beecham revived it in London (in English) on October 26, 1917; Frankfort-on-Main heard it on February 19, 1924.

The "Dance of Persian Women" from the opera was performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on October 30, 1925. The first performance in the United States was by the Russian Symphony Society, Modest Altschuler conductor, on February 25, 1905.

BOLERO JOSEPH MAURICE RAVEL

(Born at Ciboure (Basses-Pyrénées) France, on March 7, 1875; living at Montfort-l'Amaury and Paris)

This Bolero, dedicated to Ida Rubinstein, was brought out by her and danced by her at Paris in November, 1928. Alexandre Benois designed the settings and the costume to represent a scene that Goya might have painted: a Spanish inn, with the dancer on a trestle table, men surrounding it. At first calm, the actors on the Parisian stage were little by little excited to frenzy as the dancer became more and more animated. Knives were drawn—the woman was tossed from arms to arms, until her partner intervened; they danced until quiet was restored. So was the scene described by French and English reporters.

The first performance in the United States of this Bolero as a concert piece was by the Philharmonic Society of New York, Mr. Toscanini conductor, on November 14, 1929. The first performance in Boston

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was by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Koussevitzky conductor, on December 6, 1929.

Tempo di ballo, moderato assai, 3-4. A drum gives the dance rhythm, which is maintained throughout; a flute announces the theme, which is taken up by wind instruments in turn; then by groups of instruments. There is a crescendo for about twenty minutes, until there is an explosive modulation—brass and percussion instruments swell the din until at last there is what has been described as a “tornado of sound.”

M. Prunières called attention to the fact that Ravel was not the first to repeat a simple, common theme until by the monotony of tune and rhythm the hearer was excited (as are Oriental hearers by the same method). Padilla, the composer of “Valencia,” had worked this obsession by the repetition of a tune for at least twenty times.

Ravel’s Bolero calls for these instruments: piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, oboe d’amour, English horn, two clarinets, one E-flat clarinet, two bassoons, double-bassoon, four horns, four trumpets, three trombones bass tuba, three saxophones, kettledrums, side drums, cymbals, tam-tam, celesta, harp, and the usual strings.

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The Bolero is not a very ancient dance of Spain. It is said that Don Sebastian Terezo, an accomplished and celebrated dancer of his time, invented it about 1780. It is a modest, noble dance, much more decent than the fandango, but, like that dance, it is performed by two persons. By its beauty, the significance of its movements, and its compelling effect on eyes and ears, it is incomparable. While its rhythm is strongly marked, it has a lyrical character. In tempo and in its measures, it resembles the minuet—according to Albert Czerwinski, a dancing teacher at Danzig—but it impresses by rhythmic accentuation rather than by melodic variety. There are sections of

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the dance. First comes the *paseo* or promenade, like a prelude or an introduction. Then follow the *traversia* for the changing of places; the *diferencia* for changing a second time; the *finale* to regain the first places; the *bien parado*, steps and graceful attitudes performed by the dancing couple facing another couple that is not dancing. Is not Desrat mistaken in saying that the Bolero is in two-time? The music of all the Boleros we have seen is in 3-4 or 3-8, but Blasis also says that the Bolero is usually in duple time. The step is at first low and gliding, but always well marked.

On the stage this dance is performed by several couples. One of the most graceful attitudes is the *dar la vuelta*, in which the dancers are face to face after a half-turn. The woman's part in the dance is much more expressive, more passionate than that of the man.

The name "Bolero" or "Volero" is supposed by some to come from *volar*, to fly, "because a Manchega expert had danced the Seguidillas so wonderfully and lightly that he seemed to fly." Is the Bolero the outcome of the Seguidillas? When the Bolero or Fandango is danced as a ballet by eight persons, it is usually called the Seguidillas.

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When Ravel's Bolero was first performed, people surrounded the table on which Mlle. Rubinstein danced. Havelock Ellis, in "The Soul of Spain," states that a characteristic of Spanish dancing, and especially of the most typical type, called flamenco, lies in its accompaniments, and particularly in the fact that under proper conditions all the spectators are themselves performers. "In flamenco dancing, among an audience of the people, everyone takes a part, by rhythmic clapping and stamping, and by the occasional prolonged 'oles' and other cries by which the dancer is encouraged or applauded. Thus the dance is not a spectacle for the amusement of a languid and passive public, as with us. It is rather the visible embodiment of an emotion in which every spectator himself takes an active and helpful part; it is, as it were, a vision evoked by the spectators themselves and upborne on the continuous waves of rhythmical sound which they generate. Thus it is that, at the end of a dance, an absolute silence often falls, with no sound of applause: the relation of performer and public has ceased to

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exist. So personal is this dancing that it may be said that an intimate association with the spectators is required for its full manifestation. The finest Spanish Dancing is at once killed or degraded by the presence of an indifferent or unsympathetic public, and that is probably why it cannot be transplanted, but remains local."

There is a vivid description of dancing in and out of Spanish theatres in Richard Ford's "Gatherings from Spain."* He speaks of the contagious excitement which seizes the spectators, who, like Orientals, beat time with their hands in measured cadence, and at every pause applaud with cries and clappings. "Dancing among Spanish ladies of a high order was introduced with the Bourbons, but the lower classes adhered to the primitive steps and tunes of their Oriental forefathers. In the theater the sound of the castanet awakens the most listless. The sharp, spirit-stirring click is heard behind the scenes—the effect is instantaneous—it creates life under the ribs of death—it silences the tongues of countless women—*on n'écoute que le ballet*. The curtain draws up; the bounding pair dart forward from the opposite sides like two separated lovers, who, after long search, have found each other again, nor do they seem to think of the public, but only of each other; the glitter of the gossamer costume of the Majo and Maja seems invented for this Dance—the sparkle of the gold lace and silver filigree adds to the lightness of their motions; the transparent, form-designing *saya* of the lady heightens the charms of a faultless symmetry which it fain would conceal; no cruel stays fetter her serpentine flexibility. They pause—bend forward an instant—prove their supple limbs† and arms; the band strikes up, they turn fondly towards each other, and start into life. . . . The accompaniment of the castanet gives employment to their upraised arms. '*C'est*,' say the French, '*le pantomime d'amour*.' The enamored youth persecutes the coy, coquettish maiden; who shall describe the advances—her timid retreat; his eager pursuit, like Apollo chasing Daphne? Now they gaze on each other; now all is life, love, and action; now there is a pause. They stop motionless at a moment, and grow into the earth. It carries all before it. There is a truth which overpowers the fastidious judgment. Away, then, with the studied grace of the French danseuse, beautiful but artificial, cold and selfish as is the flicker of her love, compared to the real impassioned abandon of the daughters of the South. There is nothing indecent in this dance; no one is tired or the worse for it; indeed, its only fault is its being too short, for, as Molière says, '*Un ballet ne saurait être trop long, pourvu que la morale soit bonne, et la métaphysique bien entendue*.' Notwithstanding this most profound remark, the Toledan clergy, out of

*"Gatherings from Spain" was published in 1846.—P. H.

†Yet the English have laughed at the Americans for certain prudish euphemisms.—P. H.

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mere jealousy, wished to put the Bolero down, on the pretense of immorality. The dancers were allowed in evidence to give a view to the court; when they began, the bench and bar showed symptoms of recklessness, and, at last, casting aside gowns and briefs, both joined, as if tarantula-bitten, in the irresistible capering. Verdict, for the defendant with costs."

In 1882, Emmanuel Chabrier journeyed in Spain. The result was his superb orchestral rhapsody "España." He wrote to his publisher Costellat letters descriptive of the dances he saw in the Andalusian *bailes*, where the "upper classes" were not to be seen. These letters about the authentic Spanish dances were published in the Music Review S. I. M. (January 15, February 15, 1909). Extracts from them are given in Georges Servières' life of Chabrier: "Two guitarists, solemn, cigarette between the lips, continue to scratch no matter what, in three time. (Only the tango is in duple time.) The cries of the woman excite the dancer, who becomes literally mad of her body" (these dancers were gypsies in Seville). Chabrier spoke of the spectators clapping their hands in 3-4 *à contretemps*, while the guitar followed peacefully its own rhythm. "As others beat time *forte* with each measure, each one beating a little at will, there was a most curious amalgamation of rhythms."

Then there are Théophile Gautier's descriptions of Spanish dancers; and in the five volumes of his theatrical criticisms, eloquent studies of Spanish dancers and others dancing Spanish dances in Paris opera houses and theatres. Havelock Ellis's chapter is the more analytical study. He refers to the "Escenas Andaluzas" (1847) of Estebanez Calderon, and for "the deeper significance of Spanish dancing" to the psychological analysis given by Salillas in "Hampa" (1898).

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SYMPHONY NO. 2, IN D MAJOR, OP. 73 JOHANNES BRAHMS

(Born at Hamburg, May 7, 1833; died at Vienna, April 3, 1897)

Chamber music, choral works, pianoforte pieces, and songs had made Brahms famous before he allowed his first symphony to be played. The symphony in C minor was performed for the first time at Carlsruhe on November 4, 1876, from manuscript with Dessoff as conductor. Kirchner wrote in a letter to Marie Lipsius that he had talked about this symphony in 1863 or 1864 with Mme. Clara Schu-

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mann, who then showed him fragments of it. No one knew, it is said, of the existence of a second symphony before it was completed.

The second symphony, D major, was composed, probably at Pörtschach-am-See, in the summer of 1877, the year that saw the publication of the first. Brahms wrote Dr. Billroth in September of that year: "I do not know whether I have a pretty symphony; I must inquire of skilled persons." He referred to Clara Schumann, Dessooff, and Ernst Frank. On September 19, Mme. Schumann wrote that he had written out the first movement. Early in October he played it to her, also a portion of the finale. The symphony was played by Brahms and Ignaz Brüll as a pianoforte duet (arranged by the composer) to invited guests at the pianoforte house of his friend Ehrbar in Vienna a few days before the announced date of the orchestral performance, December 11, 1877. Through force of circumstances the symphony was played for the first time in public at the succeeding Philharmonic concert of December 30.* Hans Richter conducted. The second performance, conducted by Brahms, was at the Gewandhaus, Leipsic, on January 10, 1878.

The review written by Eduard Hanslick after the performance at Vienna may reassure those who are unwilling to trust their own judgment:

"It is well known that Wagner and his followers go so far as not only to deny the possibility of anything new in the symphonic form, —i.e., new after Beethoven,—but they reject the very right of absolute instrumental music to exist. The symphony, they saw, is now superfluous since Wagner has transplanted it into the opera: only Liszt's symphonic poems in one movement and with a determined practical programme have, in the contemplation of the modern musical world, any vitality. Now if such absurd theories, which are framed solely for Wagner-Liszt household use, again need refutation, there can be no more complete and brilliant refutation than the long row of Brahms's instrumental works, and especially this second symphony.

"The character of this symphony may be described concisely as

*Reimann, in his *Life of Brahms*, gives January 10, 1878, as the date, and says Brahms conducted. The date given in Erb's "*Brahms*" is December 24, 1877. Kalbeck, Deiters, and Miss May give December 30, 1877, although contemporaneous journals, as the *Signale*, say December 20, 1877.

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peaceful, tender, but not effeminate; serenity, which on the one side is quickened to joyous humor and on the other is deepened to meditative seriousness. The first movement begins immediately with a mellow and dusky horn theme. It has something of the character of the serenade, and this impression is strengthened still further in the scherzo and the finale. The first movement, an *Allegro moderato*, in 3-4, immerses us in a clear wave of melody, upon which we rest, swayed, refreshed, undisturbed by two slight Mendelssohnian reminiscences which emerge before us. The last fifty measures of this movement expire in flashes of new melodic beauty. A broad singing *Adagio* in B major follows, which, as it appears to me, is more conspicuous for the skilful development of the themes than for the worth of the themes themselves. For this reason, undoubtedly, it makes a less profound impression upon the public than do the other movements. The scherzo is thoroughly delightful in its graceful movement in minuet tempo. It is twice interrupted by a *Presto* in 2-4, which flashes, spark-like, for a moment. The finale in D, 4-4, more vivacious, but always agreeable in its golden serenity, is widely removed from the stormy finales of the modern school. Mozartian blood flows in its veins.

"This symphony is a contrast rather than a companion to the first motives which, however, slumber there as flowers beneath the snow, or float as distant points of light beyond the clouds. It is true that the second symphony contains no movement of such noble pathos as the finale of the first. On the other hand, in its uniform coloring and its sunny clearness, it is an advance upon the first, and one that is not to be underestimated.

"Brahms has this time fortunately repressed his noble but dangerous inclination to conceal his ideas under a web of polyphony or to cover them with lines of contrapuntal intersection; and if the thematic development in the second symphony appears less remarkable than that in the first, the themes themselves seem more flowing, more spontaneous, and their development seems more natural, more pellucid, and therefore more effective. We cannot, therefore, proclaim too loudly our joy that Brahms, after he had given intense expression in his first symphony to Faust-like conflicts of the soul, has now in his second returned to the earth,—the earth that laughs and blossoms in the vernal months."

Yet some may prefer this short sketch by Hugues Imbert (1842-1905), one of the first in France to admire Brahms:

"The second symphony, which was played at a Popular Concert in Paris, November 21, 1880, and at the Paris Conservatory Concert of December 19 of the same year, does not in any way deserve the reproach made against it by Victorin Joncières,—that it is full of brushwood. Nor should it incur the reproach made by Arthur Pougin,—that it is childish! It is true that the first movement contains some dissonances which, after a first hearing, are piquant and not at all disagreeable. The peroration, the last fifty measures

of this Allegro, is of a pathetic serenity, which may be compared with that of the first movement of the two sextets for strings. The Adagio is built according to the plan of adagios in the last quartets of Beethoven—an idea, tinged with the deepest melancholy, is led about in varying tonalities and rhythms. The scherzo is one of the most delightful caprices imaginable. The first trio, with its biting staccati, and the second, with its rapid movement, are only the mother-idea of the scherzo, lightened and flung at full speed. Unity, which is unjustly denied Brahms, is still more strikingly observed in the finale, an admirable masterpiece.”

Certain German critics in their estimate of Brahms have exhausted themselves in comparison and metaphor. One claims that, as Beethoven's fourth symphony is to his “Eroica,” so is Brahms's second to his first: the one in C minor is epic, the one in D major is a fairy-tale. When Bülow wrote that Brahms was an heir of Cherubini, he referred to the delicate filigree work shown in the finale of the second. Felix Weingartner whose “Die Symphonie nach Beethoven” (Berlin, 1898)* is a pamphlet of singularly acute and discriminative criticism, coolly says that the second is far superior to the first: “The stream of invention has never flowed so fresh and spontaneous in other works by Brahms, and nowhere else has he colored his orchestration so successfully.” And after a eulogy of the movements he puts the symphony among the very best of the new classic school since the death of Beethoven,—“far above all the symphonies of Schumann.”

This symphony was first played in Boston at a concert of the Harvard Musical Association, January 9, 1879. It was then considered as perplexing and cryptic. John Sullivan Dwight probably voiced the prevailing opinion when he declared he could conceive of Sterndale Bennett writing a better symphony than the one by Brahms in D major.

The symphony is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, bass tuba, kettledrums, and strings.

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The second symphony was naturally more warmly received at first in Vienna than was its predecessor. “It was of ‘a more attractive character,’ more ‘understandable,’ than its predecessor. It was to be preferred, too, inasmuch as the composer had not this time ‘entered the lists with Beethoven.’ The third movement was especially

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praised for its 'original melody and rhythms.' The work might be appropriately termed the 'Vienna Symphony,' reflecting as it did, 'the fresh, healthy life to be found in beautiful Vienna.'" But Florence May, in her life of Brahms,* says the second symphony was not liked: "The audience maintained an attitude of polite cordiality throughout the performance of the symphony, courteously applauding between the movements and recalling the master at the end; but the enthusiasm of personal friends was not this time able to kindle any corresponding warmth in the bulk of the audience. or even to cover the general consciousness of the fact. The most favorable of the press notices damned the work with faint praise. and Dörffel, whom we quote here and elsewhere, because he alone of the professional Leipsic critics of the seventies seems to have been imbued with a sense of Brahms's artistic greatness, showed himself quite angry from disappointment. 'The Viennese,' he wrote, 'are much more easily satisfied than we.' We make quite different demands on Brahms and require from him music which is something more than 'pretty' and 'very pretty' when he comes before us as a symphonist. Not that we do not wish to hear him in his complaisant moods, not that we disdain to accept from him pictures of real life, but we desire always to contemplate his genius, whether he displays it in a manner of his own or depends on that of Beethoven. We have not discovered genius in the new symphony, and should hardly have guessed it to be the work of Brahms had it been performed anonymously. We should have recognized the great mastery of form, the extremely skilful handling of the material, the conspicuous power of construction, in short, which it displays, but should not have described it as pre-eminently distinguished by inventive power. We should have pronounced the work to be one worthy of respect, but not counting for much in the domain of symphony. Perhaps we may be mistaken; if so, the error should be pardonable, arising as it does from the great expectations which our reverence for the composer induced us to form."

* "The Life of Johannes Brahms," by Florence May, in two volumes, London, 1905.

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